サイボーグ CYBORG 009

Shotaro Ishinomori

A BANDAGE?

MY HEAD...

HUH?

WHERE AM I?

HOW DID I GET HERE?

HELEN?

LAST I REMEMBER, I WAS BEING ATTACKED BY A GIANT GORILLA.

D-DAMN...

. . . . . .

GOT TO GET...!

VROOOOM

AGH! IT HURTS SO BAD!

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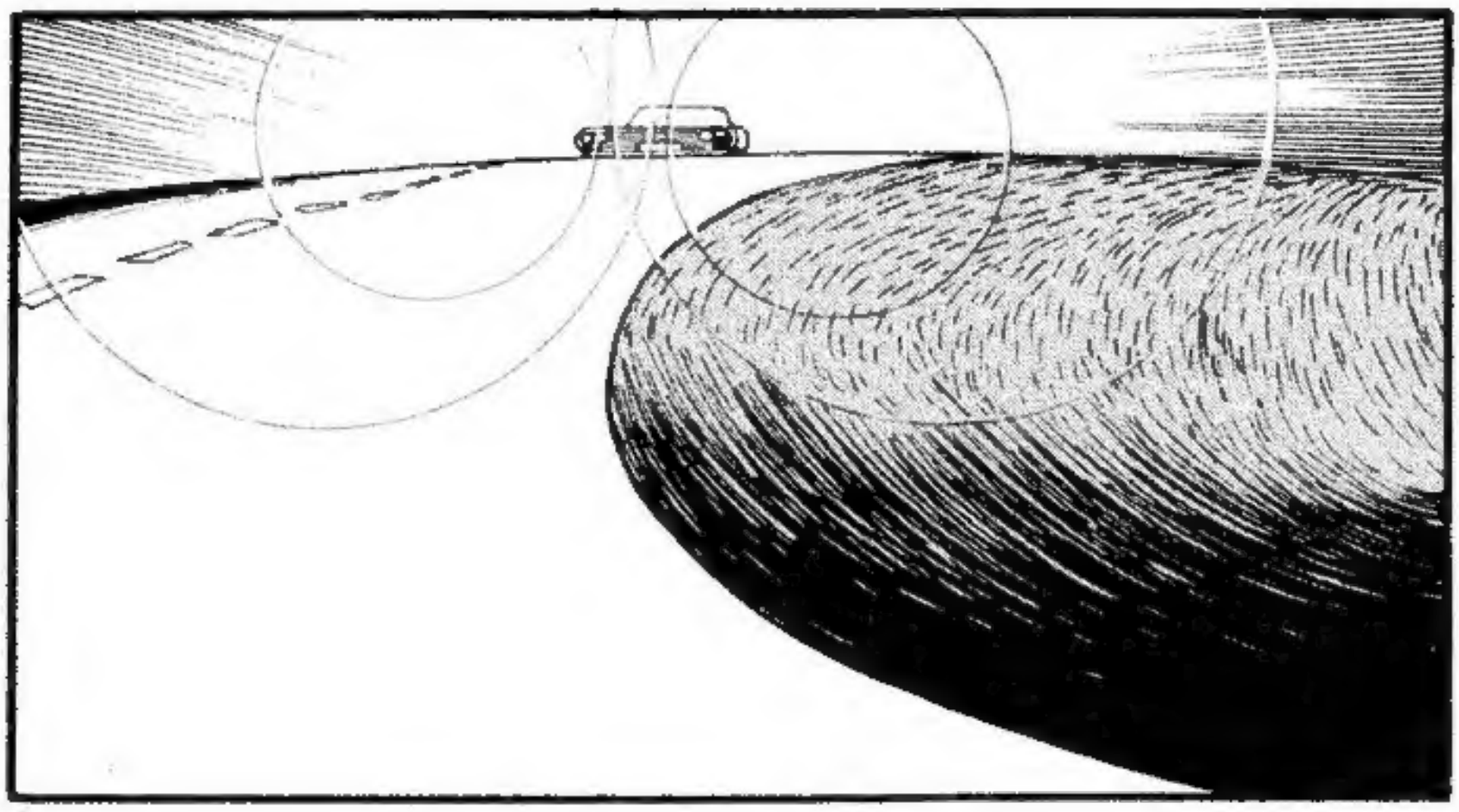

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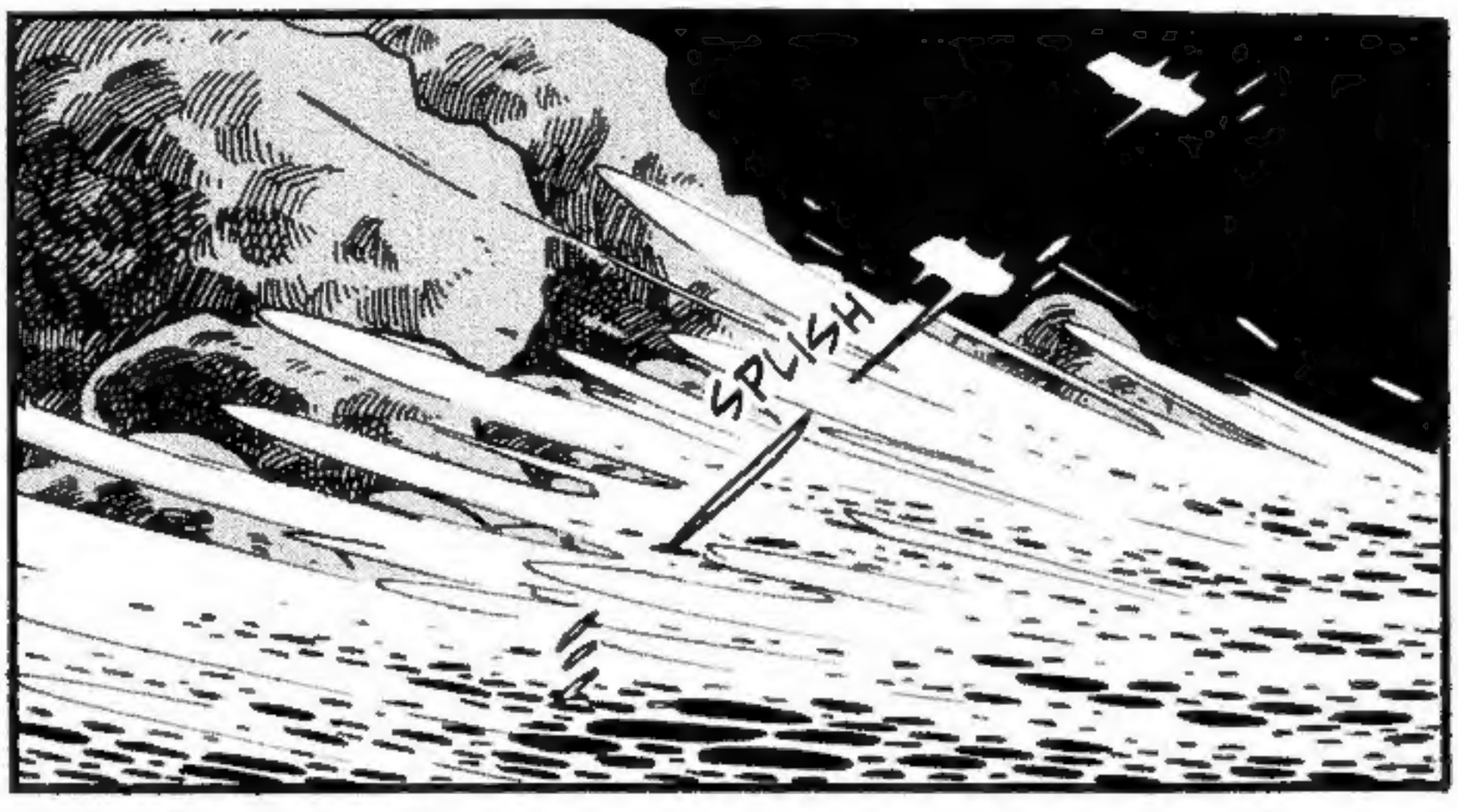
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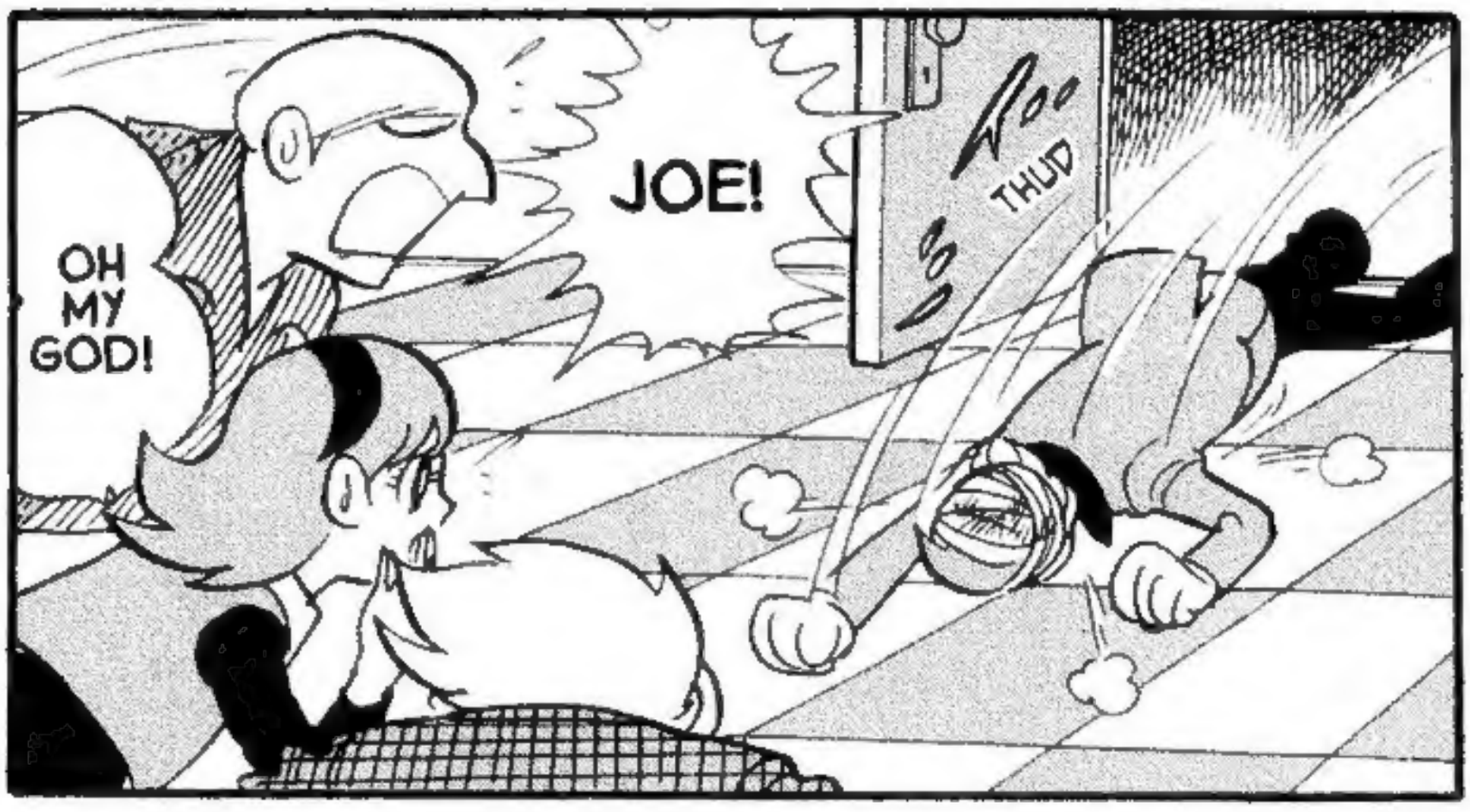
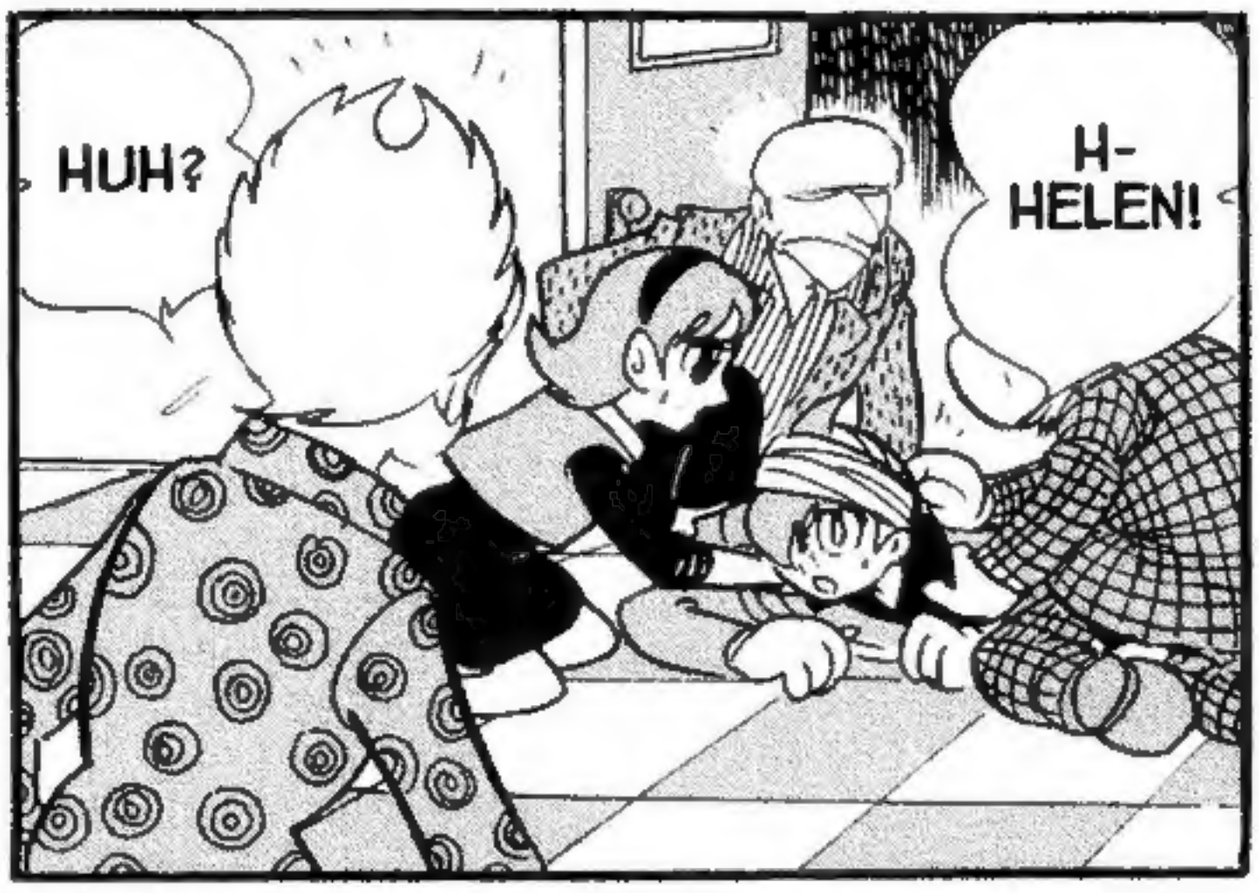

OH MY GOD!
JOE!
THUD

WHAT? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WHY DID YOU GO TO HAKONE?
I... I DON'T UNDER-STAND...


HUH?
H-HELEN!

SHE'S TELLING THE TRUTH. SHE HASN'T LEFT OUR SIGHT.

WHAT?

I'VE BEEN RIGHT HERE ALL ALONG.

I DIDN'T GO ANY-WHERE.

LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE TAKEN A BLOW TO THE HEAD.

EASY, JOE...

UGH.

THAT CAN'T BE!!

IN FACT, WE WERE JUST MAKING DINNER.

HELEN ...

TALK TO US, 009. WHAT HAPPENED?

THIS INJURY WOULD HAVE KILLED A NORMAL HUMAN!

LIES!

IN FACT, I'M AN ONLY CHILD!

N- NO!

DO YOU HAVE A TWIN, HELEN?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!

PLEASE!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT CRAZY GAME YOU'RE PLAYING, BUT IT WAS YOU!

I SAW YOU WITH MY OWN EYES!

AND I DEFENDED YOU.

...NGGH--

C'MON, 009. TAKE IT EASY ON THE POOR GIRL.

.....

SOB!

HELEN.

I... I'M SORRY...

.....

EVERYONE! JUST LEAVE ME ALONE. LET ME COLLECT MY THOUGHTS.

I'VE BEEN WARNING HIM FROM THE START.

HE SEEMS PRETTY CONVINCED HE SAW HELEN...

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO THAT BOY?

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YOU'RE RIGHT! I'M ON MY WAY!

HEY, ISN'T IT YOUR TURN FOR WATCH DUTY?

THE WOMAN IS SUSPICI-OUS.

RELAX! I'M HERE NOW.

BLIMEY! WHERE'VE YOU BEEN?

WAIT!

WHAT IS IT?

WE HAD TO DEAL WITH A PROBLEM.

A DINOSAUR!

WAH!

FALL BACK! HE'S MINE!!

RRRRRRRR

HEH!

WAH!

SPLOOSH!

BASH

YEOW!

BLOOP

BLOOP

UGH!

FWOOOOO

UNH.

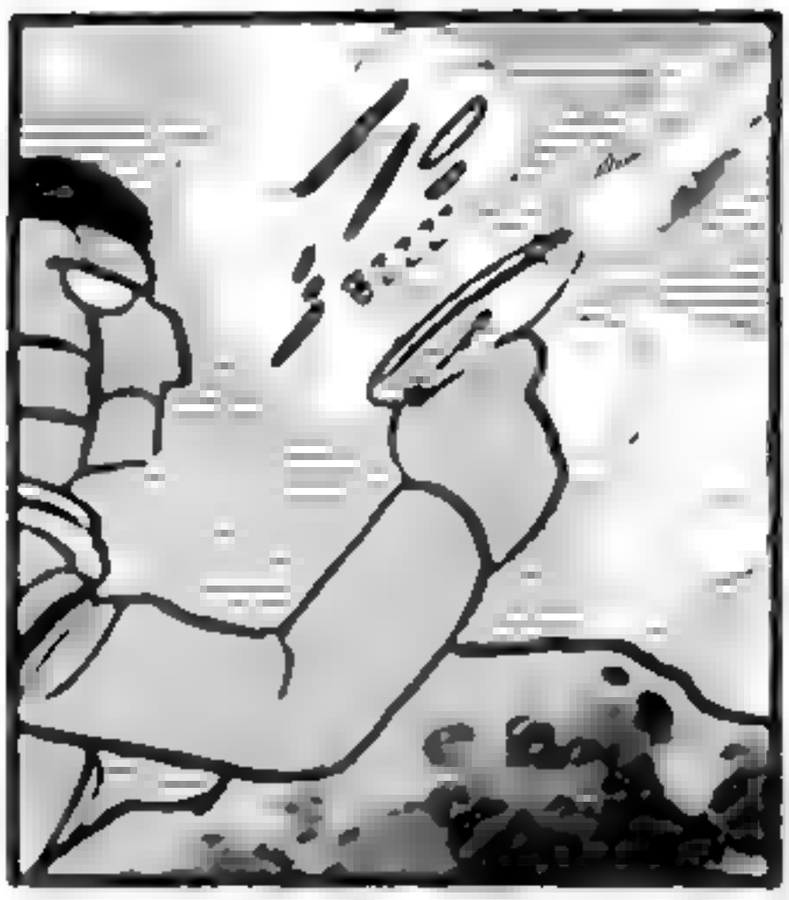
THWAK

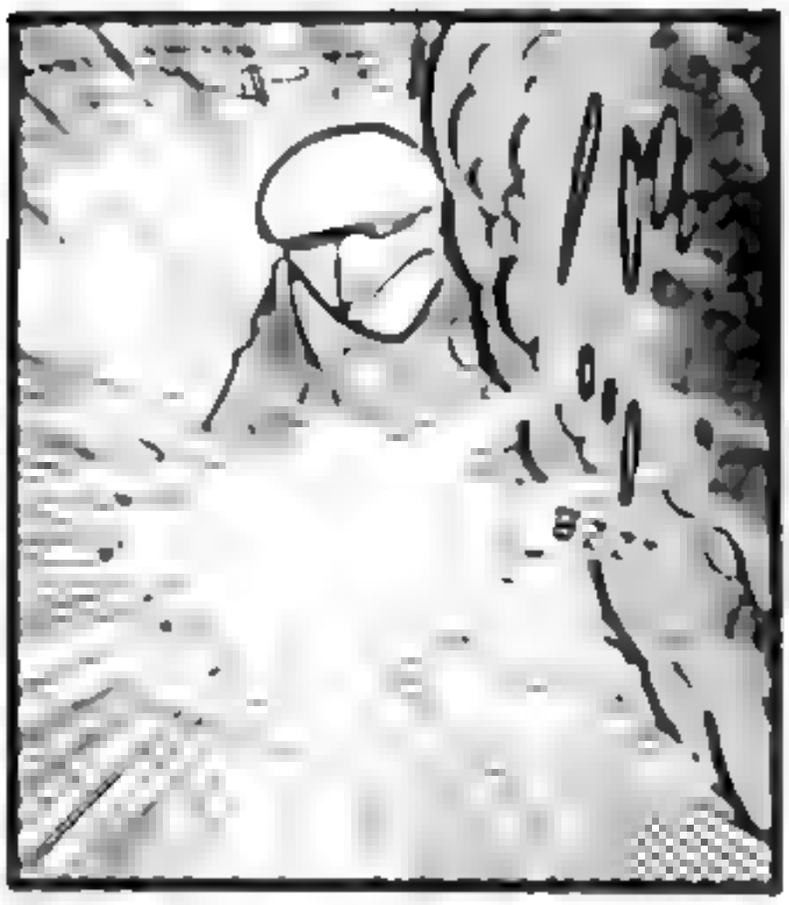
GRAWRRRR

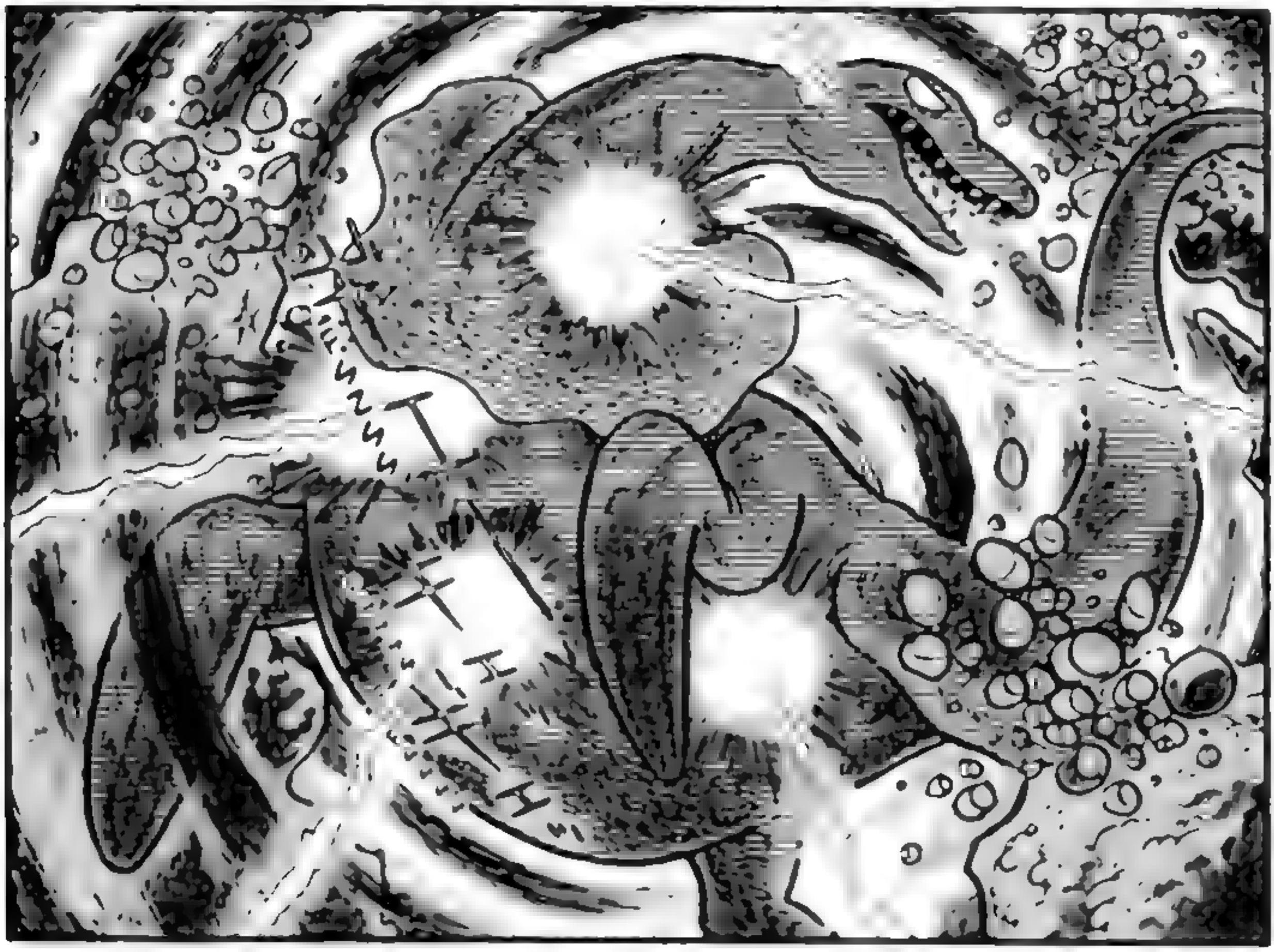
FOOOSH

BZZZT

GRAWRRR







ZOUNDS! ARE YOU TELLING ME THE ULTRASONIC WAVE MONSTER IS...
...REAL?!

UHH... 002, WHAT'S ON MY HEAD?
BLOOD.

DOCTOR, ARE YOU TELLING US...?

...I DON'T EVEN SEE AN ULTRASONIC WAVE EMITTER ON IT.

ON TOP OF THAT...

NOT A ROBOT AT ALL.

YEP. THIS IS AN ORGANIC CREATURE.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

BUT, HE WAS ATTAC-KING US!

WE KILLED A LIVING CREA-TURE!

CREAK

HEH HEH HEH.

WHO ARE YOU?

TOC TOC

CREAK

O-OKAY.

WE JUST WANTED TO BORROW YOUR CAR.

SORRY, DIDN'T MEAN TO SCARE YOU, MATE.

WHY ARE YOU IN A DISGUISE?

007?!

BOINK!!

IT'S ME! IT'S ME!

THIS ONE WILL DO JUST FINE.

VRRRRRRR

I'VE GOT A FEW CARS. TAKE YOUR PICK.

HEH HEH. DON'T WORRY, WE'LL TAKE CARE OF IT.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

SOOO... 007... THINK WE'LL BE FINE, JUST THE TWO OF US?

HEH HEH HEH.

RELAX! WE'LL BRING HER BACK IN ONE PIECE!

I DON'T KNOW.

HMM...

WE'RE JUST GOING TO GET AN ANTI-ULTRASONIC WAVE CANNON. HOW HARD CAN IT BE?

AND HELEN'S GONE TOO.

NO, I JUST CHECKED.

ISN'T HE SLEEPING?

DOCTOR, HAVE YOU SEEN OOI?

COME IN.

NOK

NOK

JOE'S IN NO CONDITION...

WHERE COULD THEY HAVE GONE?

REALLY?

CHFF

BUT... I SWEAR I SAW YOU HERE LAST NIGHT.

NO, NEVER.

THIS IS THE PLACE! ARE YOU SURE YOU'VE NEVER BEEN HERE?

CHFF

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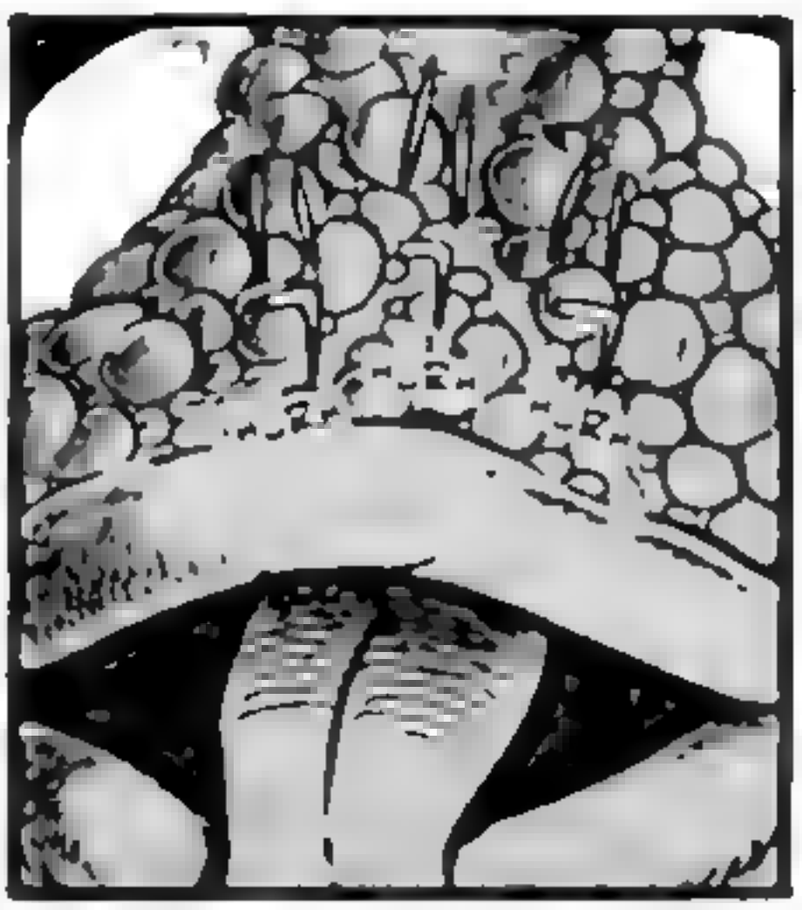
Flip.



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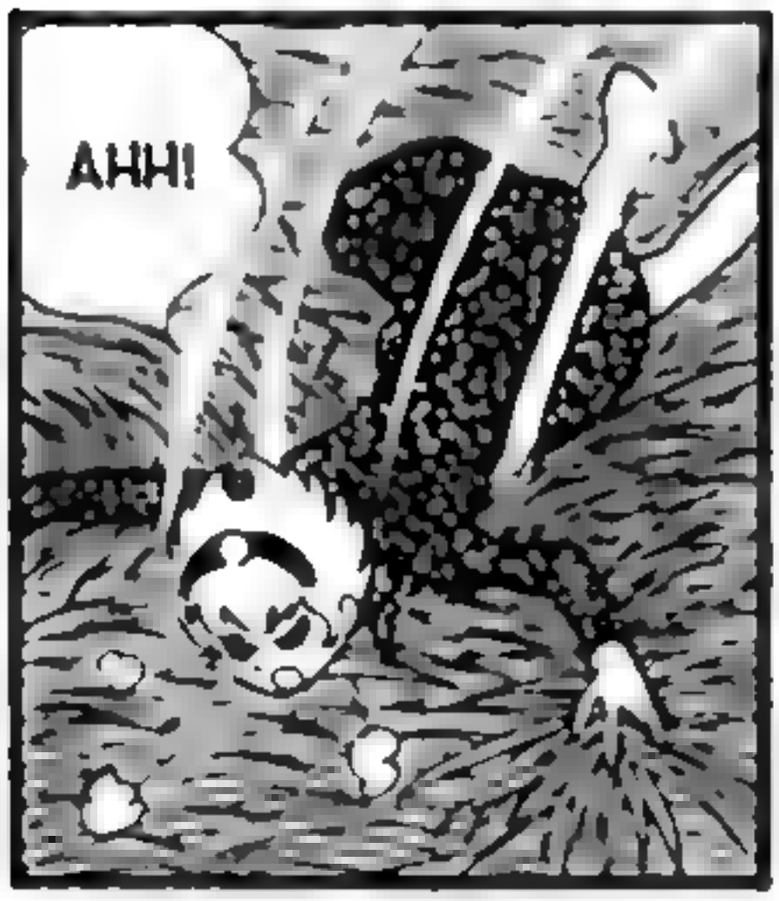
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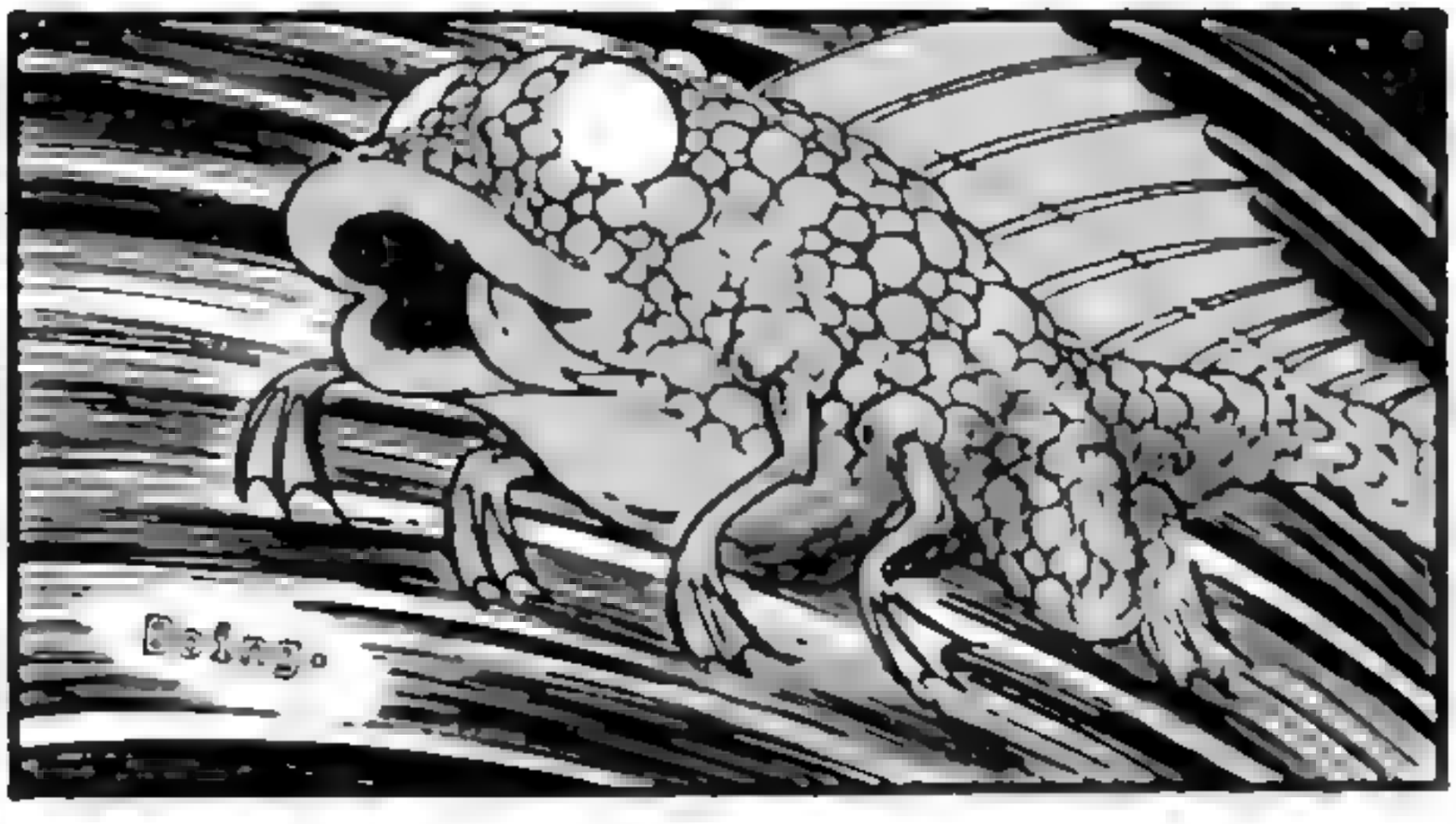
KYAAA!


Gulp.

HUH?

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HURH

HURH

HURH

IT'S NOT TRYING TO ATTACK US!

HURH

HURH

HURH

SWING

SWING

HE'S PLAYING!

LOOK AT HIM!

JOE! BELIEVE ME!!

HELEN, COME CLEAN!

...HE RECOGNIZES YOU!

OR ELSE...

SNAP

I DON'T THINK SO...

WHENEVER I THREATEN YOU, THE MONSTER BECOMES PROTECTIVE.

HURH HURH HURH

SPLASH

HUH!

BLAM

A DOG CAN GET ROUGH PLAYING AROUND!

I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT, IT'S JUST PLAYING!

WHA?

DON'T MOVE.

THIEVES?

HMPH! YOU LITTLE THIEVES! WHAT DID YOU COME TO STEAL?!

LET ME ASK YOU...

YOU'RE MISTAKEN. I CAME HERE TO LEARN SOMETHING.

WHY ELSE WOULD YOU BE CREEPING AROUND HERE AFTER DARK?!

WELL, THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE!

.....

THIS GIRL HERE? IS THIS SOME KIND OF JOKE?

THIS GIRL HERE WITH ME... DO YOU RECOGNIZE HER? OR HAVE YOU EVER SEEN ANYONE THAT LOOKS LIKE HER?

I SEE.

WAH HA HA HA!

RUSTLE RUSTLE RUSTLE RUSTLE

?

FWISH

WHO LOOKS LIKE HER...

HEY SASUKE... SHOW THEM.

WHAT?

PERHAPS YOU MET MY FRIEND HERE.

WHAT THE...?

FWAP

THIS, MY YOUNG TRESPASSERS, IS A SHAPE-SHIFTER.

HUH?!

AGGHHHH!

HMMM.

HOW COULD THIS CREATURE TRANSFORM INTO THE EXACT LIKENESS OF HELEN IF HE'S NEVER SEEN HER BEFORE?

BUT IT STILL DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.

JUST AS A CHAMELEON CAN CHANGE ITS COLOR, SASUKE CAN CHANGE THE STRUCTURE OF HIS BODY.

I'VE BEEN ON THIS EARTH LONG ENOUGH TO KNOW A FOOL IN LOVE WHEN I SEE ONE.

HAH! YOU CAN'T HIDE YOUR FEELINGS, BOY!

NO! I MEAN...

THIS WOMAN OWNS YOUR HEART, DOESN'T SHE, SASUKE?

THAT'S SIMPLE. SASUKE IS EMPATHIC. HE CAN READ THE PATTERNS OF THE HUMAN HEART.

I'VE TURNED TO THE CAPTURE AND DOMESTICATION OF THE STRANGE CREATURES THAT POPULATE THIS ISLAND.

NOW... NOW I AM AN ADVEN-TURER.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

CHAK

CHAK

DON'T FORGET. I WAS YOUNG TOO. MY HEART HAS BEAT FOR ANOTHER BEFORE. BUT NO LONGER...

SO MUCH WE HAVE NOT EXPLORED.

THERE ARE MANY PLACES AND CREATURES AS OF YET UNDIS-COVERED.

AHH, THE EARTH IS A LARGE, WONDROUS PLACE, MY BOY.

BUT THESE CREATURES AREN'T NATURAL.

MY PETS GROW... HUNGRY.

WELL, ITS TIME FOR ME TO RETURN HOME.

AND THE NEXT TIME YOU VISIT, PLEASE USE THE FRONT GATE.

HE DIDN'T ANSWER MY QUESTIONS. HE LIVES ON A SECLUDED ISLAND.

I STILL DON'T TRUST HIM.

HMPH.

YOU'RE AWFULLY QUIET.

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING, JOE?

HELEN!

NO! JOE, PLEASE STOP THE CAR!

HELEN... I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT.

FINE.

...IT'S TO TRUST NOTHING! NOT EVEN YOUR OWN HEART.

AND IF THERE'S ONE THING I LEARNED...

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO TRUST ANYMORE.

THINGS HAVE NEVER BEEN WHAT THEY SEEMED FOR ME.

I'M SORRY I DOUBTED YOU... IT'S JUST...

HELEN. PLEASE. RELAX.

LET ME OUT HERE!

HE'S THE PRESIDENT OF MITSUTOMO ENGINEERING!

BUT I RECOG-NIZED HIM.

A SIMPLE ADVENTURER HE SAYS.

SO GIVE ME TIME. BUT RIGHT NOW, I REALLY DON'T TRUST THAT GUY.

OUR CLASH WITH AN EVIL ORGANIZATION CALLED THE BLACK GHOST NEARLY LED TO OUR OWN DESTRUCTION. BUT WE PERSEVERED. WE PULLED OURSELVES FROM THE ASHES.

MY FRIENDS AND I ARE ALSO NOT WHAT WE SEEM. WE ARE ALL CYBERNETIC WARRIORS FIGHTING THE PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS AROUND THE WORLD.

I HAVE TO TELL YOU...

HELEN...

THE OTHERS WILL BE WORRIED ABOUT US.

LET'S HEAD BACK.

OH, JOE! I UNDER-STAND!

AND NOW WE CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR PEACE.

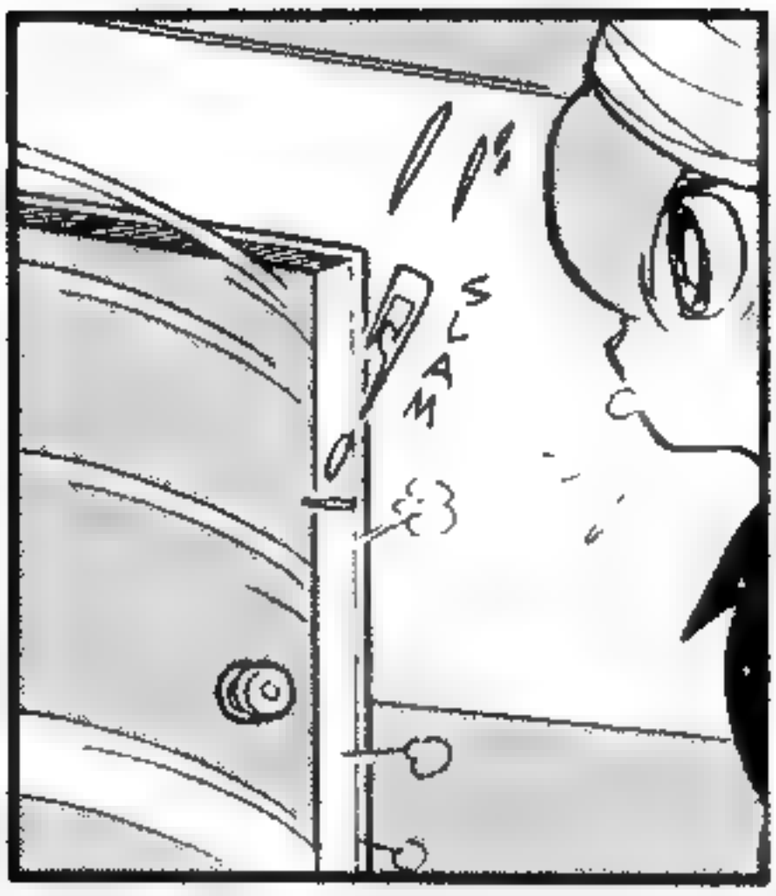
AH, THE SUNRISE IS SO BEAUTIFUL

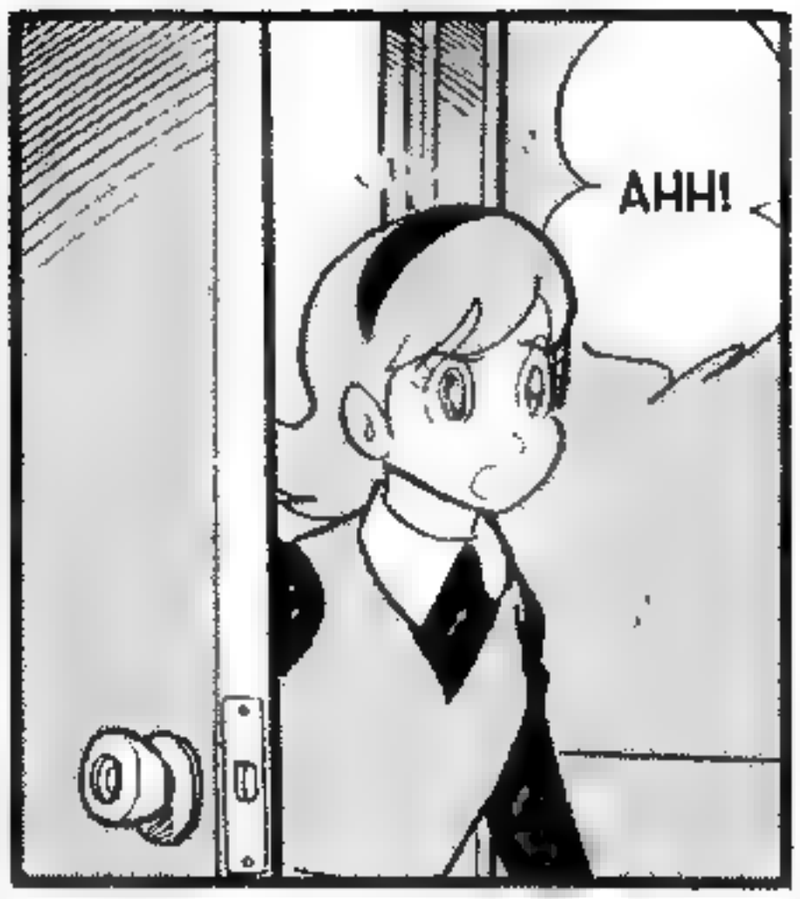
YOU'RE IN NO CONDITION TO GO OUT YET.

FOR GOODNESS SAKES! YOU LEFT BEFORE MAKING A FULL RECOVERY!

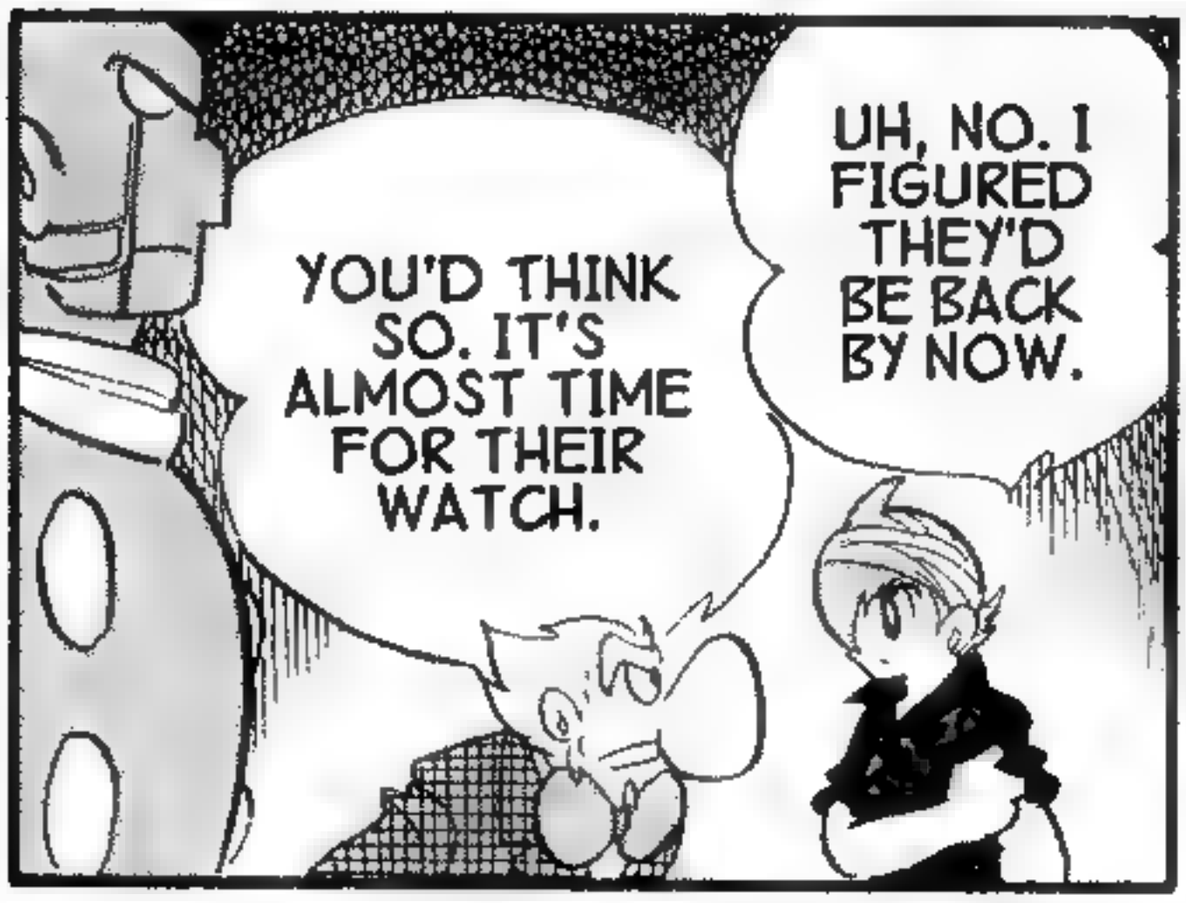
JOE!

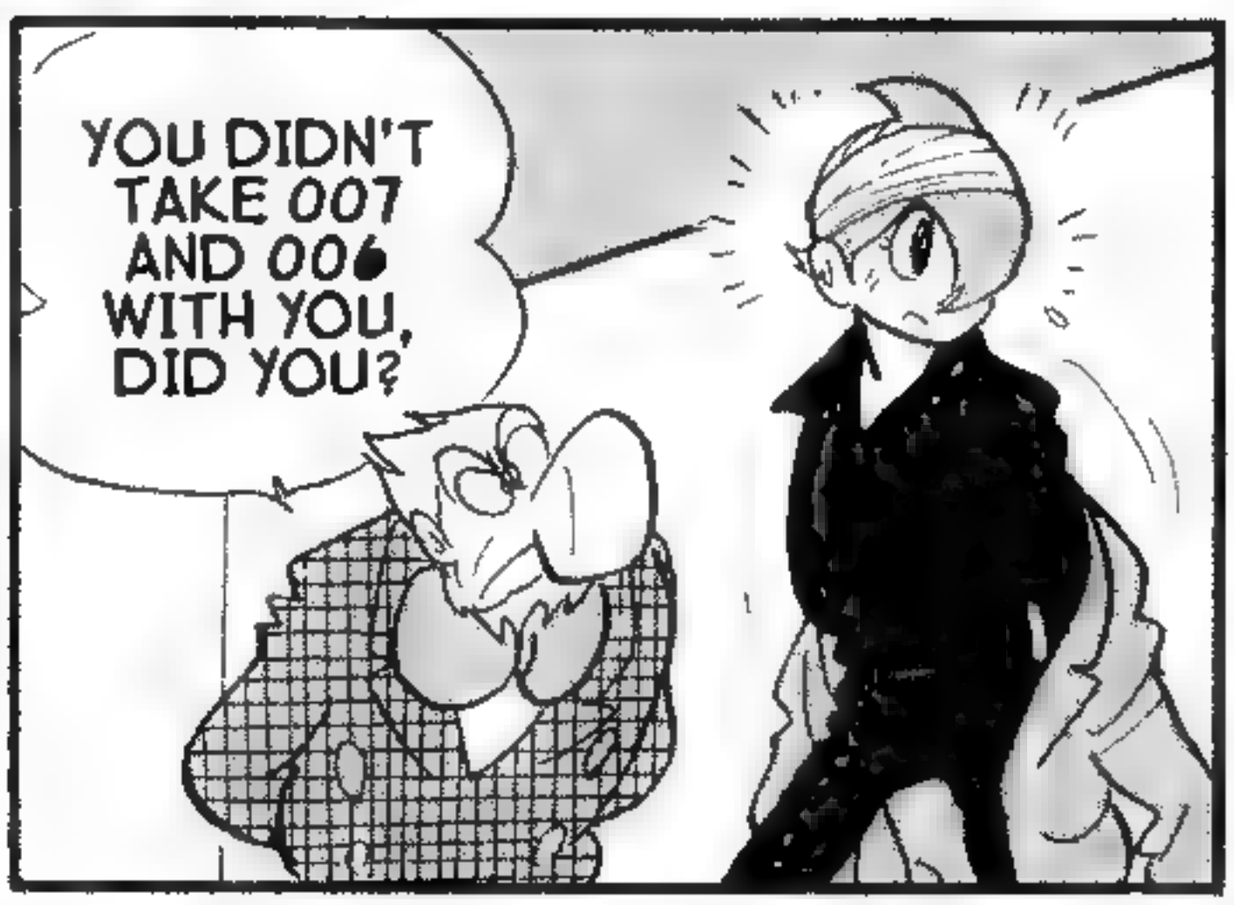
WE'RE BACK!


I'M
SMALL


AHH!

I JUST COULDN'T RESIST TAKING A LITTLE DRIVE IN THE BEAUTIFUL MOONLIGHT.
SORRY ABOUT THAT, DOC...

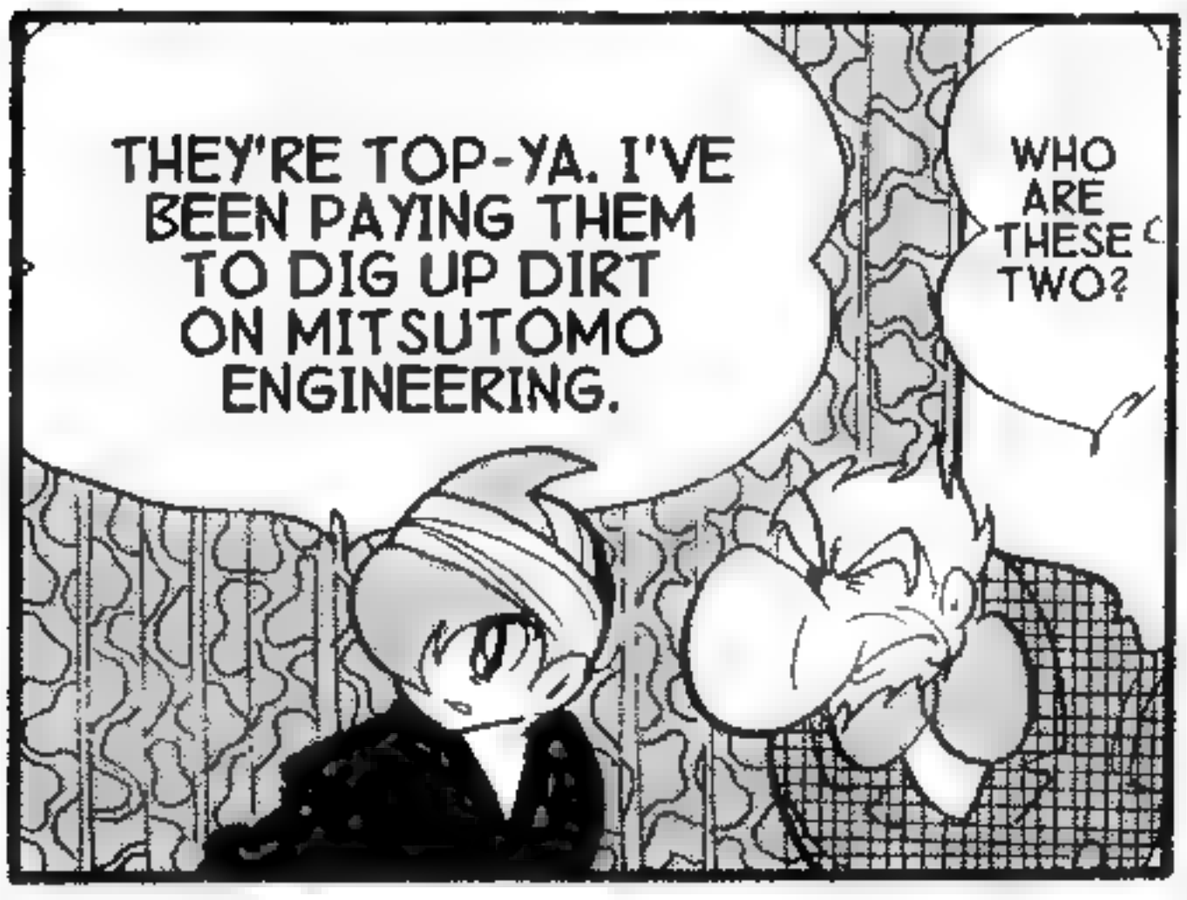

YOU'D THINK SO. IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THEIR WATCH.
UH, NO. I FIGURED THEY'D BE BACK BY NOW.

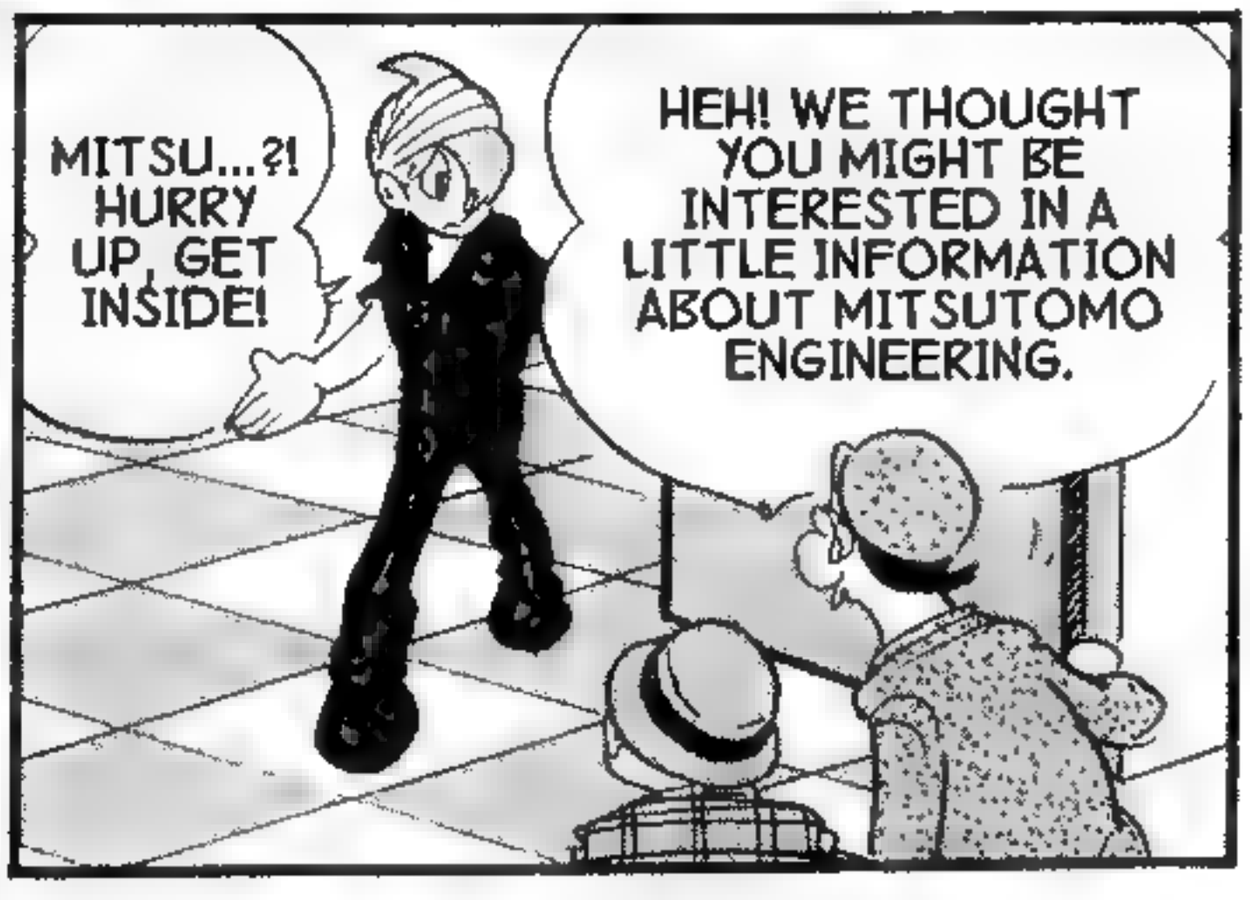

YOU DIDN'T TAKE 007 AND 006 WITH YOU, DID YOU?

WHAT DO YOU WANT?
AHH! HURRICANE JOE, GOOD TO SEE YA!

WHO IS IT?
NOK
NOK

HMMM... MY CAR ISN'T BACK YET. I WONDER WHERE THEY COULD HAVE GONE?


THEY'RE TOP-YA. I'VE BEEN PAYING THEM TO DIG UP DIRT ON MITSUTOMO ENGINEERING.
WHO ARE THESE TWO?


MITSU...?! HURRY UP, GET INSIDE!
HEH! WE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN A LITTLE INFORMATION ABOUT MITSUTOMO ENGINEERING.

FIRST, THERE WERE THESE TWO INDIANS! A FAT ONE AND A BALD ONE...

YOU SHOULD'VE SEEN THE FREAKS THEY HAD GOING IN AND OUT OF THERE.

KEPT A CLOSE EYE ON THE MITSUTOMO PLANT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'VE BEEN UP ALL NIGHT.

HAVE SOME COFFEE.

Banner: Shonen Magazine Festival

Earlier that day...

MITSUTOMO

MITSUTOMO ENGINEERING

MITSUTOMO ENGINEERING

WHAT?!

WHAT? SOUND FAMILIAR?

AND YOUR ORDER IS ONE OF OUR LARGEST.

PLEASE, THROUGH HERE.

IT'S BEEN VERY BUSY.

I'M SORRY, GENTLE-MEN...

YES. MAYBE WE WON'T BUY WHAT YOU HAVE TO OFFER. MAYBE WE'LL TAKE OUR MONEY ELSEWHERE...

IT'S REALLY NOT POLITE TO KEEP YOUR CUSTOMERS WAITING SO LONG.

TAK
TAK
TAK
FOO
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING US? WHERE DOES THIS LEAD?
WHOA!
HERE, SIRS. FEAST YOUR EYES ON... THE ANTI-ULTRASONIC WAVE CANNON!
SOMEWHERE SAFE. AWAY FROM INDUSTRY SPIES OR OTHER PRYING EYES.
NEVER MIND THAT! HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT FOR IT?
HOW WILL WE GET IT HOME?
I'LL CONSIDER THE VALUE OF INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP... AND SAY FIVE HUNDRED MILLION YEN.

THIS IS THE ONLY WAY YOU'LL BE ABLE TO ELIMINATE THAT LARGE ULTRASONIC MONSTER! NOT ONLY THAT, THIS MACHINE CAN ALSO DRIVE EVERYONE WITHIN A HUNDRED MILE RADIUS INSANE!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO RESPECT ME, BUT PLEASE... RESPECT THE POWER OF THIS MACHINE!

HEH HEH HEH. YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS.

OUR COUNTRY IS VERY POOR. HOW ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY YEN?

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, CYBORGS!

006! 007!

YIKES!

WHAT?!

INSANE?!

FWISH

BUT... HOW DID THEY KNOW IT WAS US?

WE'RE BUGGERED!

HELEN!

EVIL WENCH!

GRRR! WE WERE WARNED ABOUT YOU!

YEOWCH.

UGH.

WAH!

CHIK

DAMN!

I'M COMING WITH YOU.

I HAVE TO GET TO MITSUTOMO ENGINEERING BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!!

ME TOO!

. . . . . .

I HOPE WE ALL REMEMBER HOW.

THIS WILL BE THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME WE'VE ALL HAD TO WORK AS A TEAM.

WAH!

AH!

AH!

AH!

AH!

BUT WE'VE GROWN LAZY. AND LOOK WHAT HAPPENED. BLACK GHOST IS BACK IN FULL. AND WE'RE SCRAMBLING TO GET OURSELVES TOGETHER!

IT'S ONLY AS A TEAM THAT WE HAVE REACHED ANY DEGREE OF SUCCESS.

WE ESCAPED GHOST ISLAND AS A TEAM. WE BEAT BLACK GHOST AS A TEAM.

TEAM-WORK IS ESSEN-TIAL!

WORK AS A TEAM?

WHY DO YOU THINK THAT IS?

IT'S TRUE. IT TOOK US A LONG TIME TO REGROUP.

WE HAVE DRIFTED APART.

. . . . . .

I'M AFRAID WE'RE NOT READY FOR THE CHALLENGES THAT LIE AHEAD. NOT THIS TIME.

OUR SEARCH FOR HAPPINESS REQUIRED US TO BREAK AWAY FROM ONE ANOTHER.

A NORMAL LIFE?

HUH?

BECAUSE EVERYONE WANTED A NORMAL LIFE.

WE MUST FORSAKE OUR HAPPINESS TO BE A TEAM AGAIN. AND WE MUST BE A TEAM AGAIN TO DEFEAT A STRONGER ENEMY.

YES, THE WHOLE HAS NOW SPLIT INTO ITS OWN PARTS.

...OR WAIT UNTIL THE ENEMY GROWS EVEN STRONGER! EITHER WAY...

YOU'RE RIGHT. WE HAVE TO DO THIS NOW...

BUT WE HAVE NO CHOICE, FOR UNLESS WE DO THIS, NO ONE WILL HAVE HAPPINESS EVER AGAIN.

AND THAT MEANS LEARNING AGAIN HOW TO READ EACH OTHER, RE-GROWING OUR COLLECTIVE INTUITION.

CHAPTER 33 COMMENCE ATTACK

MITSU TOMO ENGINEERING.

MITSUTOMO

STUDIO-O

...OF STOPPING THE TERROR THAT THREATENS THE WORLD!

...THIS WILL BE OUR FIGHT. WE'RE THE ONLY ONES CAPABLE...

.....

銀行

...AND IT SEEMS THAT THERE'S A CYBORG ARMY. MAYBE SEVEN TO TEN SOLDIERS STRONG.

...AT LEAST FROM GROUND LEVEL UP... BUT THERE'S AN UNDER-GROUND AREA...

HAVE WE HEARD ANYTHING FROM 006 OR 007?

THEY'VE GIVEN ME A FEW BITS OF INFORMATION. THE BUILDING IS NOTHING SPECIAL...

THEY'RE BEING HELD IN THE DEEPEST PART OF THE UNDERGROUND LAIR...AND THEY'RE INJURED.

WHAT'S WRONG?!

AH!

THAT'S NOT ALL. I HEAR LARGE MACHINES... ULTRASONIC WAVE CANNONS.

DAMN! THE BLACK GHOST HAS INFILTRATED THE PLANT!

YES.

LET'S GO, TEAM!

WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S WRONG?

WAIT!

SUTOMO

NO, IT'S HER.

ARE YOU SURE IT ISN'T ANOTHER SHAPE-SHIFTER?

YES. I'M POSITIVE! SHE'S ON HER WAY OUT HERE.

ARE YOU SURE?

IT'S HELEN!

HELEN!

MITSUTOMO ENGINEERING REAR ENTRANCE

HMM.

YES. HELEN IS... DEFINITELY HUMAN.

WAIT! IF I CONCENTRATE HARD ENOUGH, I CAN SEE HER BIOLOGICAL MAKE-UP.

NO, MY NAME IS VENUS, AND WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.

...HELEN?!

HOW DID YOU KNOW MY NAME? UNLESS YOU'RE...

GOOD EVENING, JOE.

HELLO...

...WHY DO YOU LOOK EXACTLY LIKE HER?

AND IF YOU AREN'T HELEN...

WHAT?! WHY? WE CAN'T LEAVE. OUR FRIENDS ARE IN THERE!

LEAVE NOW! BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

LEAVE!

YOU'RE VASTLY OUTNUM-BERED. AND IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO YOU...

IF YOU EVER WANT TO FIND OUT, YOU HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE NOW!

WHY NOT?

BUT HELEN COULDN'T.

I CAN EXPLAIN...

PFFT

THEY DON'T KNOW YOU'RE HERE YET, BUT THEY'RE EXPECTING YOU.

THAT'S WHY I'VE RISKED MY LIFE TO WARN YOU.

...HELEN WOULD BE DEVA-STATED!

WE'VE GOT TO STAY FAST ON OUR FEET IF WE'RE GOING TO RESCUE 006 AND 007.

HURRY! SOMEONE'S COMING!

DON'T WORRY, JOE. SHE'LL BE FINE. I ONLY STUNNED HER.

003?! WHAT...?!

GRRR... I'D LIKE TO RIP 'EM APART WITH MY BARE HANDS!

AUTOMATIC DOOR

BUZZ BUZZ

.....

RIP

DAMN, IT'S SHUT.

NOT NOW, JOE. KEEP A COOL HEAD.

STAY FOCUSED.

THIS WAY!

ALL RIGHT. LET'S GO.

BASH

LET'S TAKE THE STAIRS!

WE SHOULD AVOID THE ELEVATOR. THEY COULD TRAP US IN THERE TOO EASILY.

. . . . . .

THEY'RE HERE...

TA

TA

TA

TA

TA

WHOK

KARK

SHUUU

003!

BA

BA

BA

SHUUU

005, YOU TAKE OUT THOSE MACHINES!

SHUUU

RUN! WE'LL HOLD THEM OFF!

SHUU

SHUUU

BUT LEAVE ONE FOR US TO USE.

CRUSH

KRASH

SMASH

PLEASE, DON'T KILL ME!

OPEN THE DETENTION DOOR.

.....

...IF THESE CYBORGS WEREN'T WEARING THIS ARMOR!

CHIK

THIS WOULD BE A LOT EASIER...

BUT ...

WHAK

KRAK

OUR BLASTERS ARE HAVING NO EFFECT.

...FROM A SOLID RIGHT HOOK!

NO-THING CAN PROT-ECT THEM ...

WHUD

YIKES!

POIK

WELL, LOOK WHO'S 'ERE!

ARE YOU GUYS OKAY?

I WAS WONDERING WHEN YOU'D POP BY.

DASH

UGH!

WHUD

006!
007!

SO, YOU GUYS HAD ENOUGH OF THIS PLACE YET?

I'M SORRY, 004. YOU WERE RIGHT.

. . . . . .

MAYBE WE SHOULD BE BY HER SIDE WHEN SHE WAKES.

HER MEMORIES ARE SLOWLY GOING TO START COMING BACK. SHE WON'T STAY PARALYZED FOREVER.

I DIDN'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT EITHER.

BESIDES, I WAS ONLY MAKING CONCLUSIONS BASED ON WHAT I SAW ON FILM.

HAH! SEE, JOE, IT PAYS TO BE A LITTLE SKEPTICAL SOMETIMES.

HOWEVER, SINCE HELEN WAS UNCONSCIOUS, 001 WASN'T ABLE TO DETECT THE FACT THAT SHE HAD A TWIN SISTER.

WHY, OF ALL THE...

...THEY SHARE THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS TOO.

NOT ONLY DO HELEN AND VENUS SHARE THE SAME APPEARANCE...

DON'T WORRY. HER SISTER IS THERE WITH HER.

ACTUALLY, 001 FIGURED IT ALL OUT.

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED A TWIN, MATE!

EH?

VENUS TOLD ME SOMETHING EVEN MORE SURPRISING.

HEY, 009, DON'T BE SO HARD ON YOURSELF.

IT WAS AN HONEST MISTAKE. NOBODY'S PERFECT!

WHAT?!

...SUPPORTED AND FINANCED BY BLACK GHOST!

SHE TOLD ME ABOUT A SECRET UNDERGROUND EMPIRE...

AS A MATTER OF FACT, WHEN ACTIVATED, THIS THING EMITS SPECIAL ULTRA-SONIC WAVES DESIGNED TO ERODE HUMAN CRANIAL NERVES!

WELL, GUESS WHAT? THERE'S NOTHING 'ANTI-ULTRASONIC' ABOUT IT!

YOU KNOW THAT ANTI-ULTRASONIC WAVE CANNON?

HMM.

WE HAVE COMPANY.

SHH.

WHY DO YOU THINK I LEFT?

I KNEW BLACK GHOST WAS ONLY CAPABLE OF CREATING MACHINES OF DESTRUCTION!

EXACTLY AS WE SUSPECTED!

CHFF

CHFF

CHFF

CHFF

CHFF

FWISH

DASH

DASH

DASH

CHFF

KINDA GUTSY FOR HIM TO COME ALL ON HIS OWN!

A PERSONAL VISIT FROM SUCH AN IMPORTANT MAN.

AND TO WHAT DO WE OWE THIS PLEASURE?

DAMN! THAT'S VAN BOGART. THE PRESIDENT OF MITSUTOMO ENGINEERING.

THEY'RE GOING DOWN!

TEN SOLDIERS OR FIFTY...

WHSHF

HMPH.

HE BROUGHT A CYBORG SQUAD! TEN SOLDIERS.

MON DIEU! HE'S GOT HELP!

UGH!

BA BA BA BA

BZZZT

DASH

BZZZT

NOT BAD.

HMPH.

SHUUU

BZZZT

THAP

DO
DO
DO
DO
DO
DO
DO
FWISH
KRSSSSHH
FWOOT
DO
DO
DO
DO

BA
DOOM

BA
BA
BA

BOOM

BADOOM

WHERE IS EVERY-ONE?!

HEY!

DON'T WORRY!

THEY'RE SAFE. THEY MADE THEIR WAY UNDERGROUND.

ARE THEY OKAY?

NOW LET'S PLAY.

GOOD.

BADOOM

BA

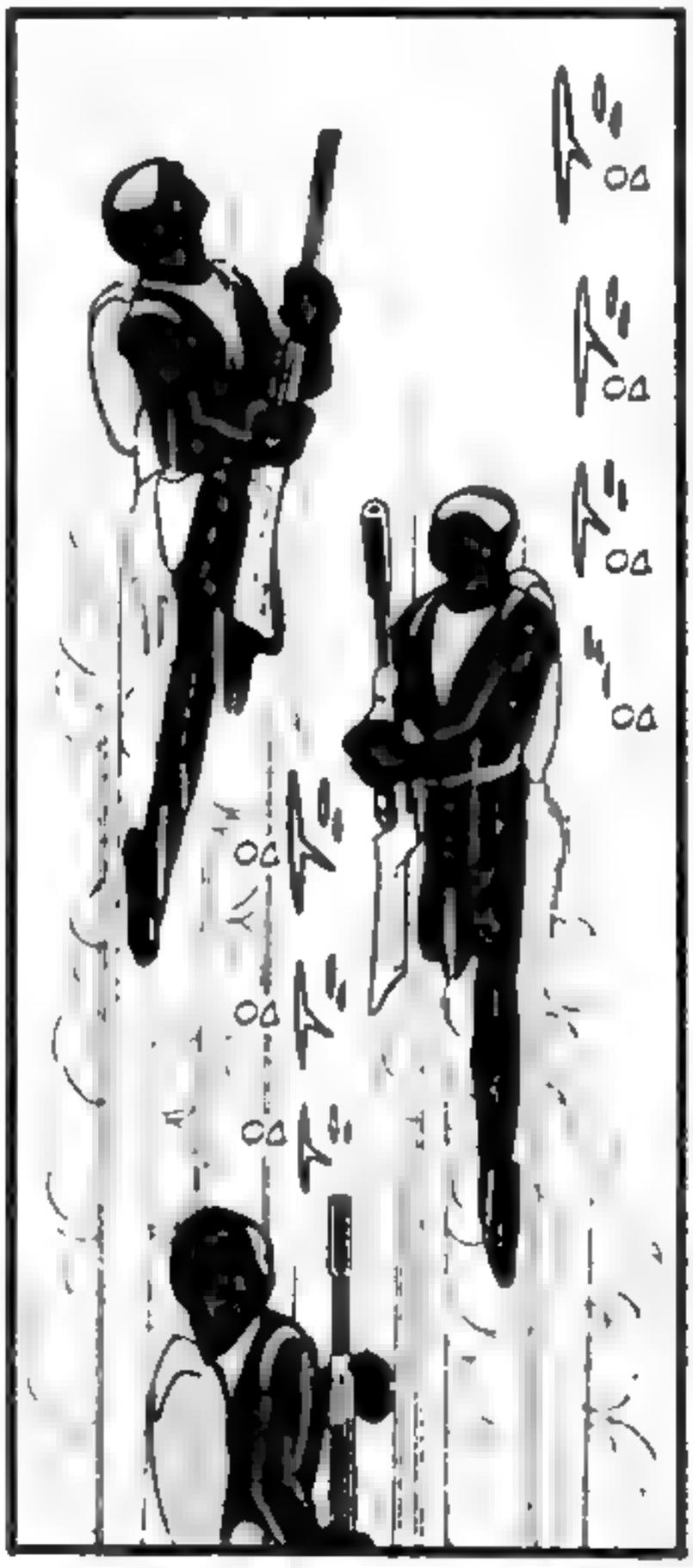
BA

BA

HIT 'EM HARD!

TNNNB

DO
DO
DO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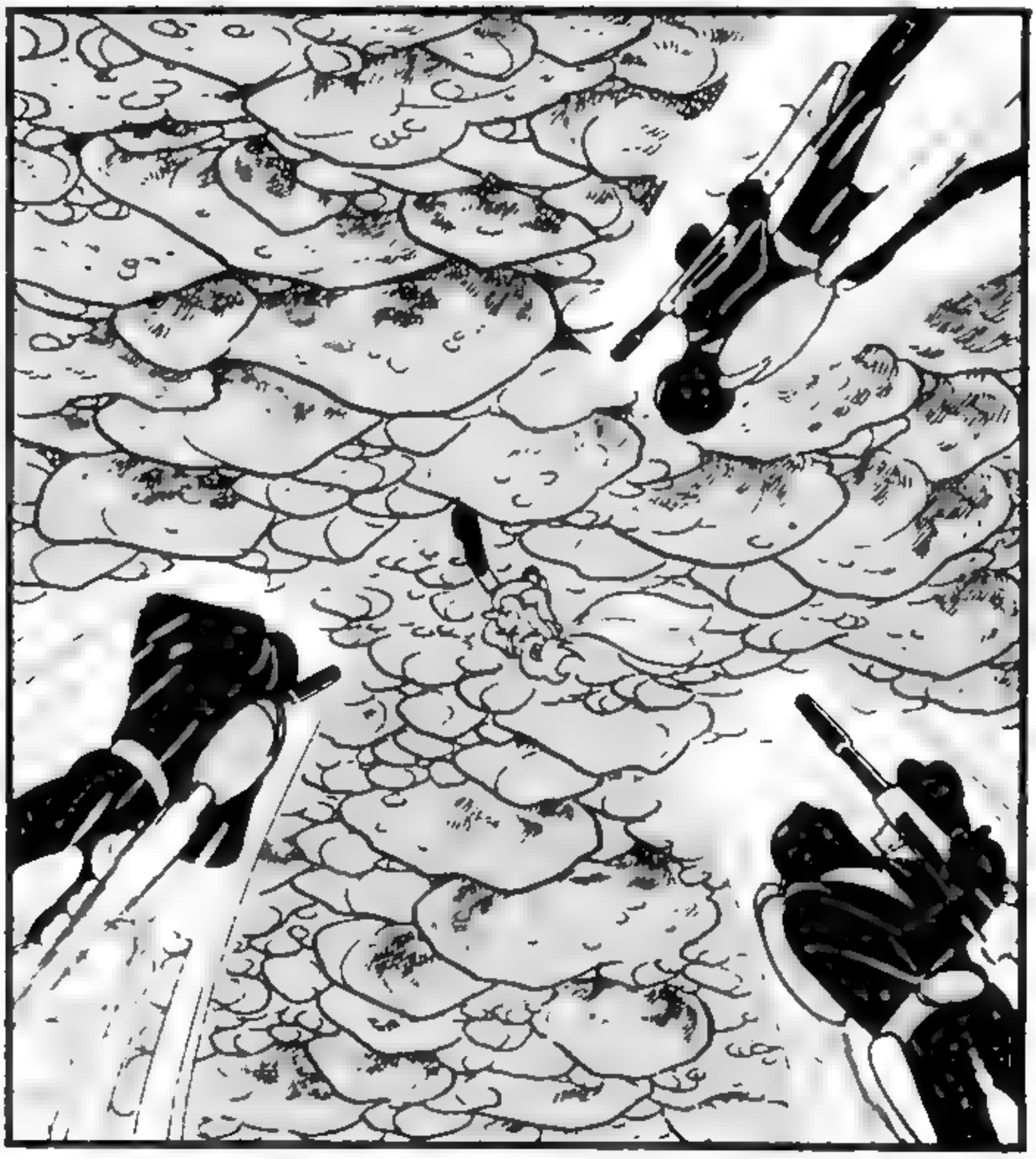

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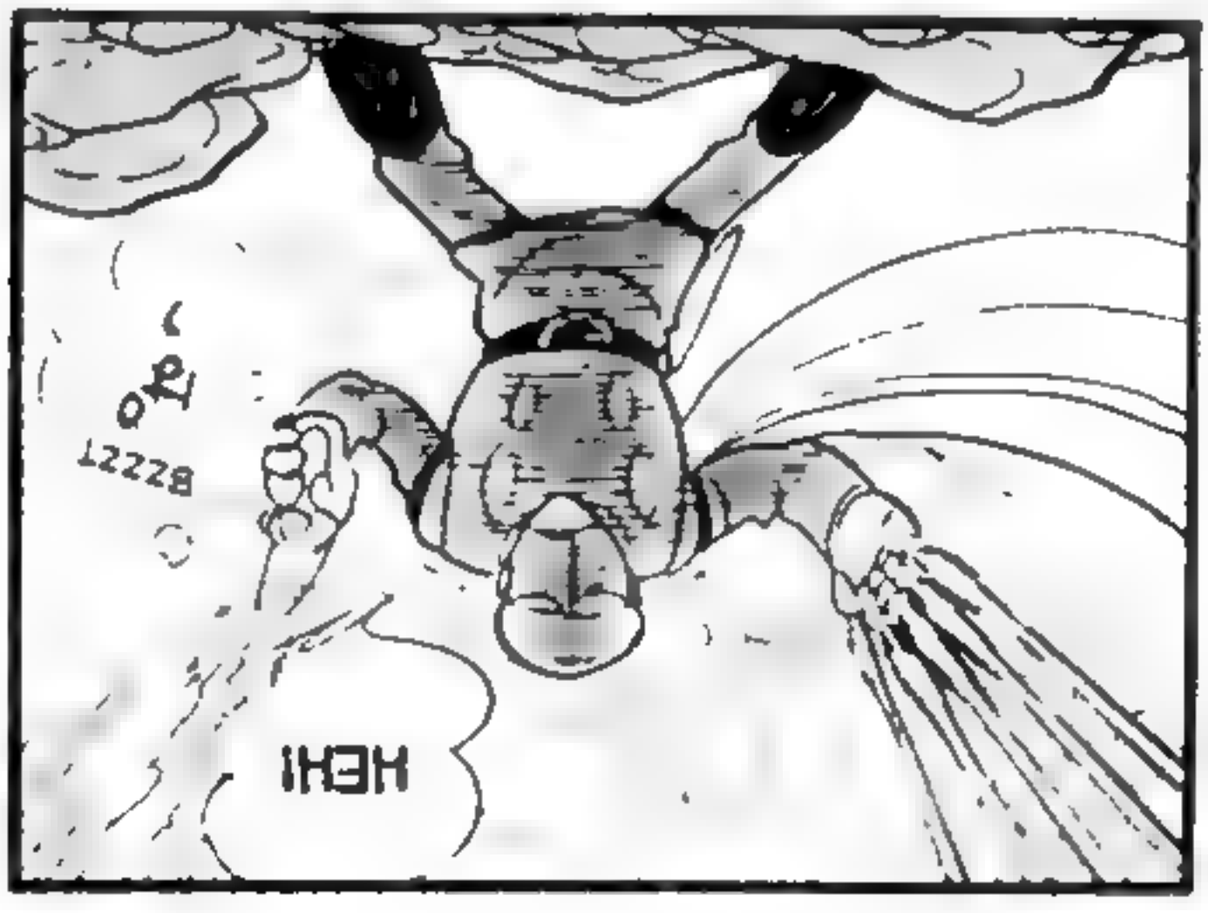
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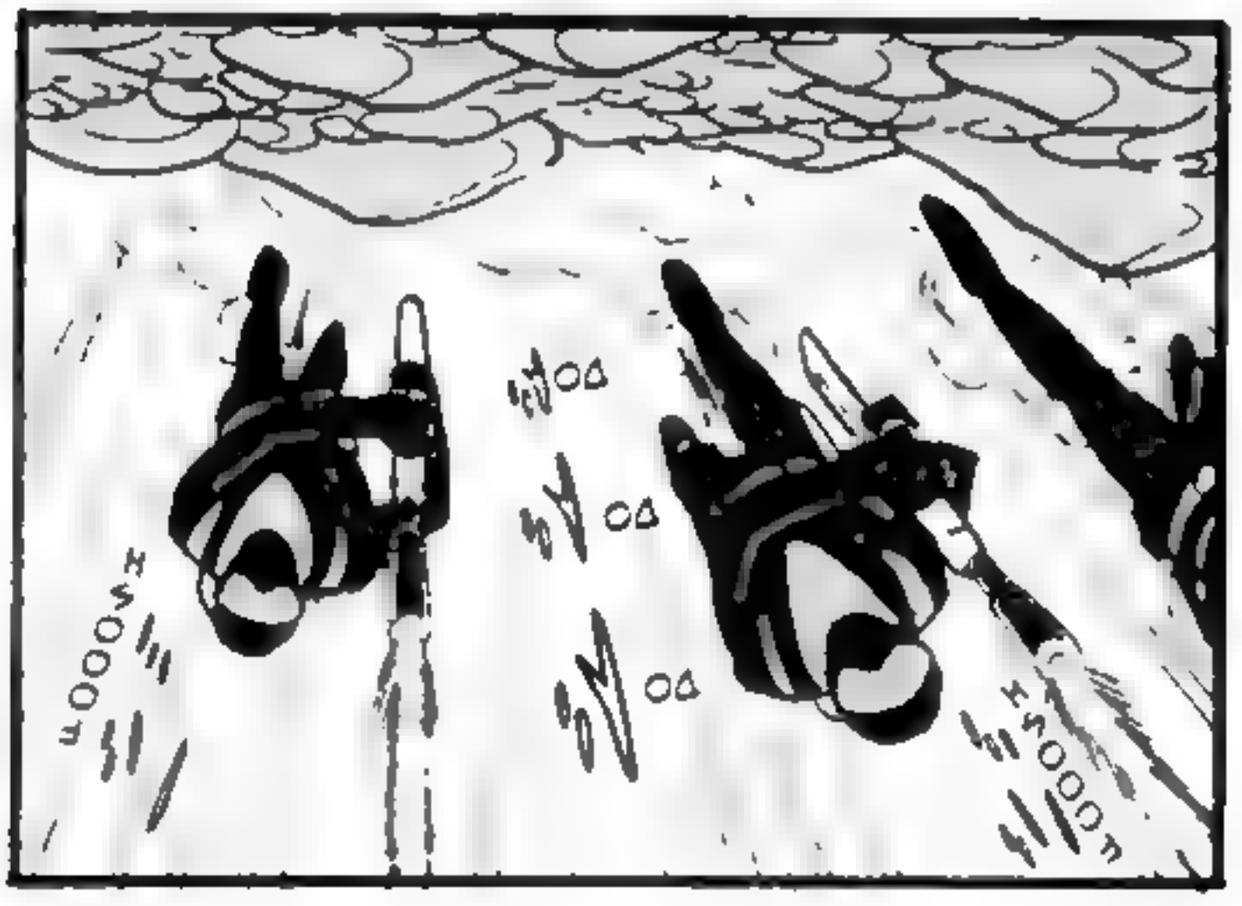
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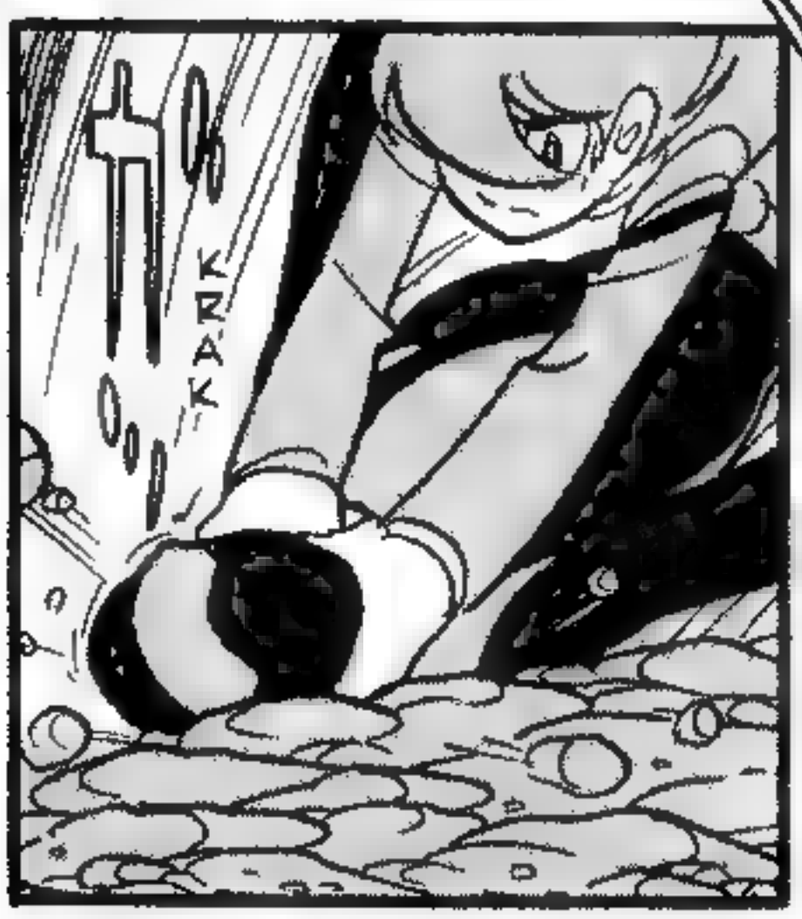
HMM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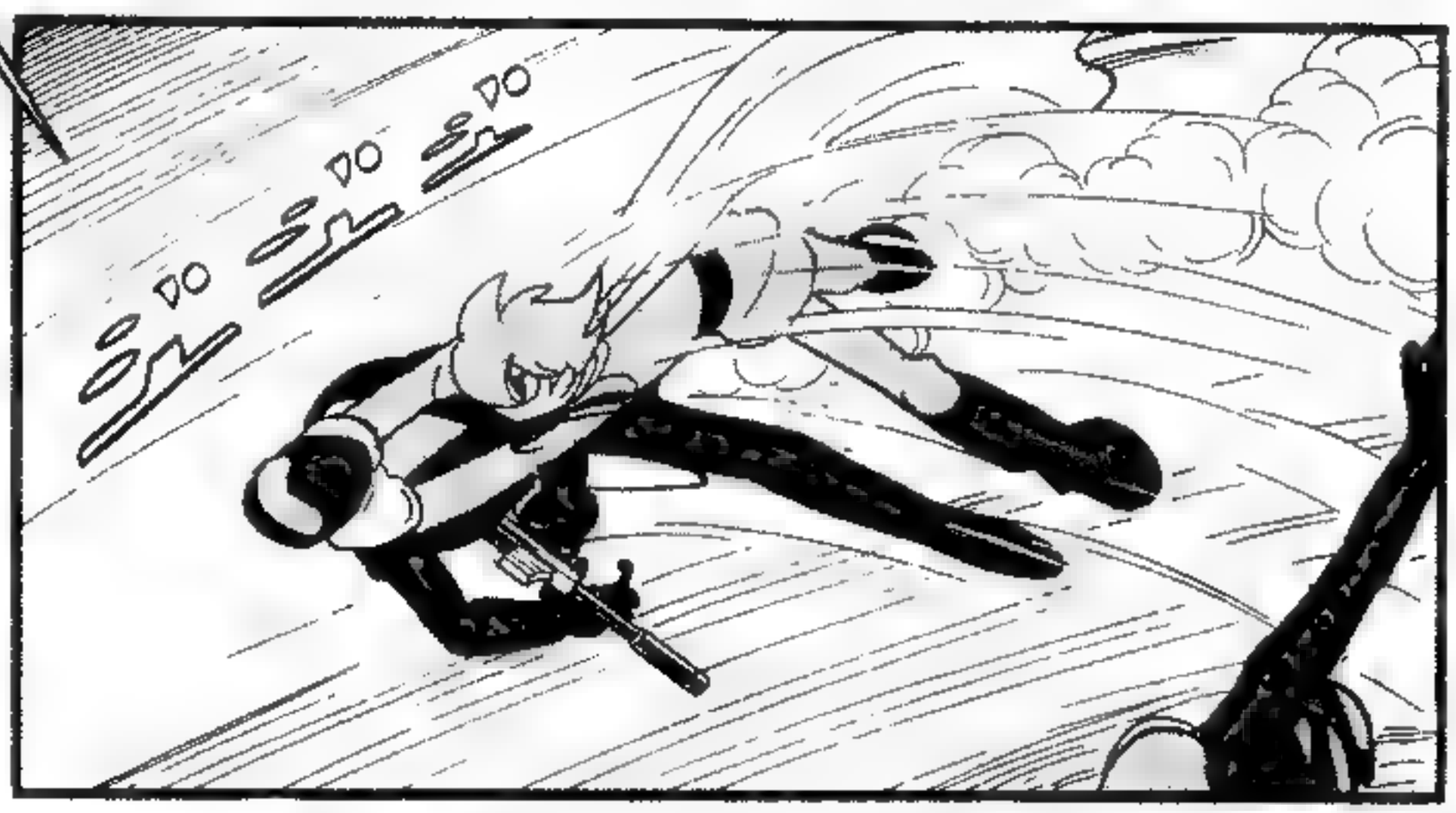
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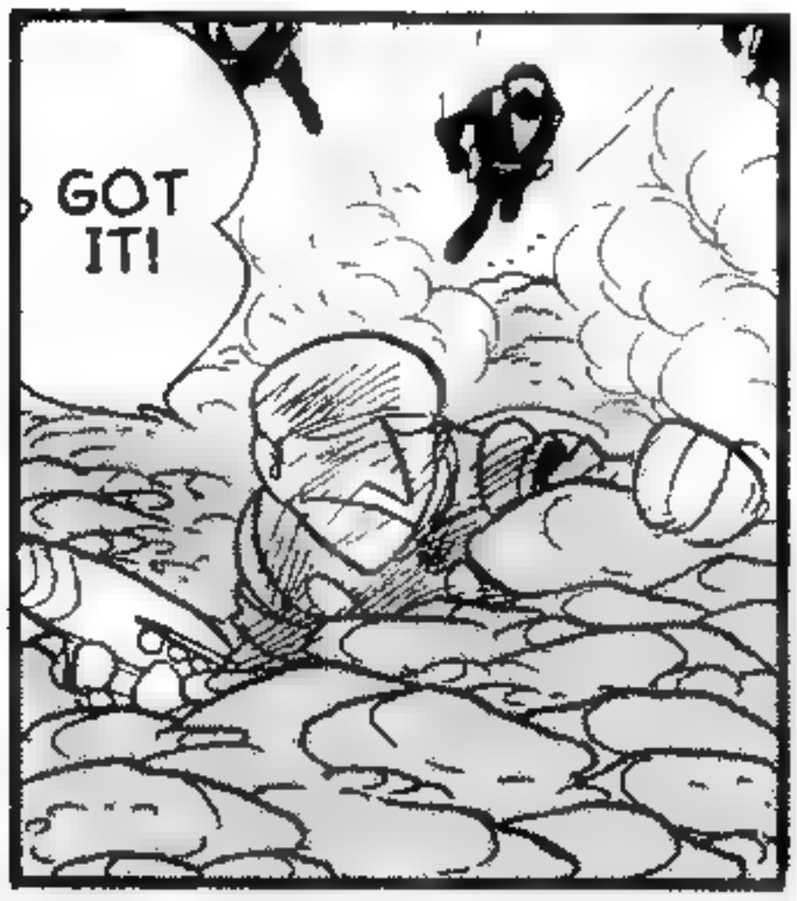

GOT IT!

RIGHT!

BLASTERS WON'T WORK. USE YOUR FISTS ON THE SOLDIERS.
002!
004!

DO DO DO DO DO DO DO DO DO

TIME TO TAKE OFF THE GLOVES.

DO DO DO DO DO DO DO DO DO

YOU'VE REALLY BECOME QUITE THE PEST.

SO WE MEET AGAIN, LAD.

THIS WILL BE THE LAST TIME YOU SEE ME.

SHUUU

CHIK

GLOOP GLOOP GLOOP

SSSSS

DOOOM

CCCCHU

HMM, AN ACCELERA-TION SWITCH!

CCCCH

BEEOOO

BWA HA HA!

ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ

CRACKLE CRACKLE CRACKLE CRACKLE CRACKLE

DASH

BUT CAN HE RELEASE IT?

HE ABSORBED MY BLAST!

HUH?

UH?

SHUU

HIS ARM...

SHJU

SHUU

SHUU

WHOA!

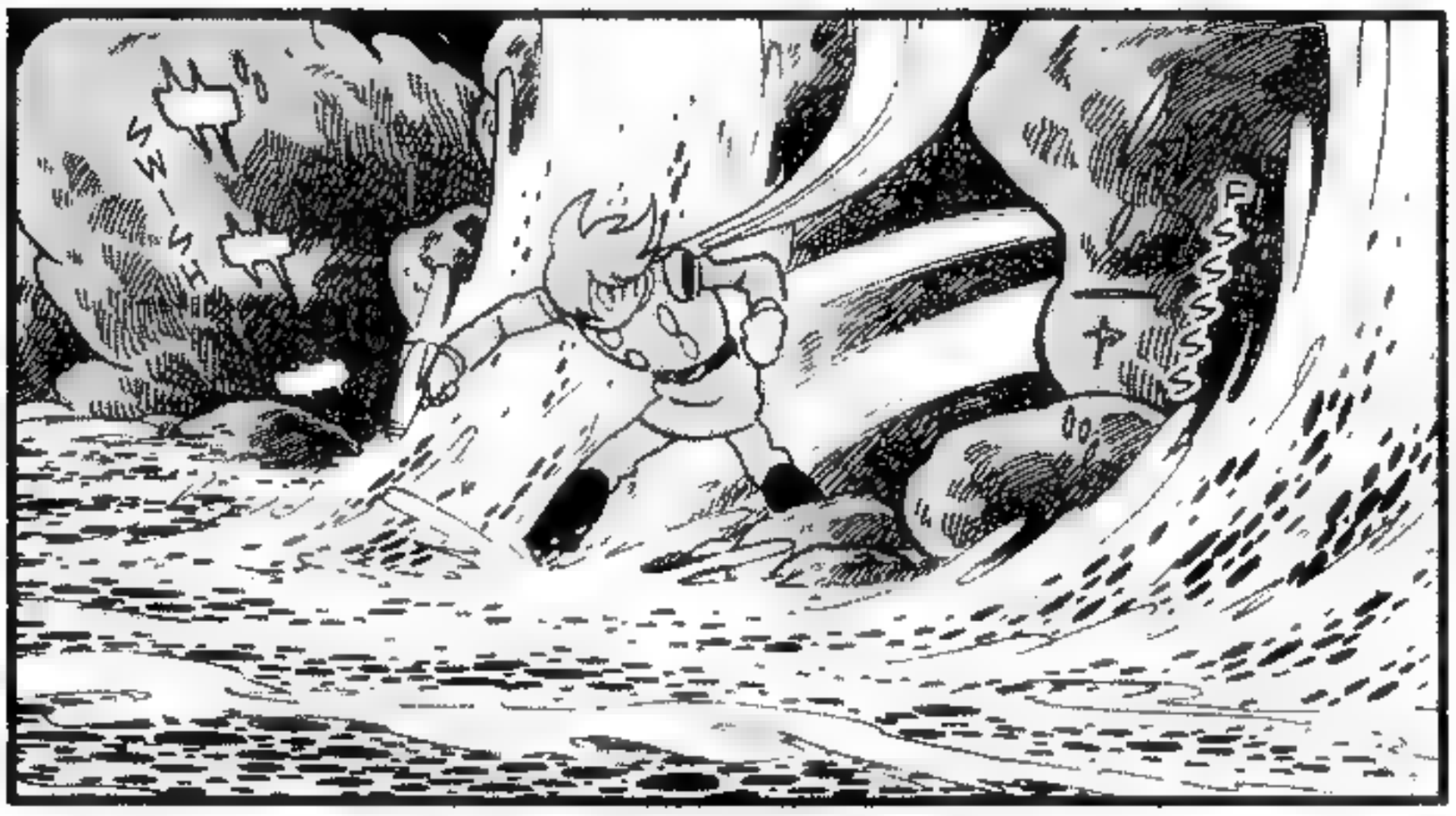
IT'S FLICKERING ALL AROUND ME!

ALL I CAN SEE IS THE PATTERN OF HIS CLOTHING!

HE'S GONE!

HUH?!

UWAH!



I'VE GOT TO CALM DOWN.

I FEEL LIKE... LIKE I'M LOSING MY MIND!

SPLISH

SPLISH

...BUT WHEN WILL HE ATTACK.

BUT THE QUESTION IS NOT WHERE HE WILL COME FROM...

...HE'LL BE COMING BACK AT ME FROM RIGHT OVER THERE...

IF I HAD TO GUESS...

IF I'M GOING TO BEAT HIM...

...I HAVE TO ANTICI-PATE HIS MOVES.

HOW-EVER...

I HAVE TO BE PATIENT!

...RIGHT NOW.

HE'S PROBABLY GOT ME IN HIS SIGHTS...

SPLISH

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FWASH

FOOO

FOOO

FOOO

DO

DO

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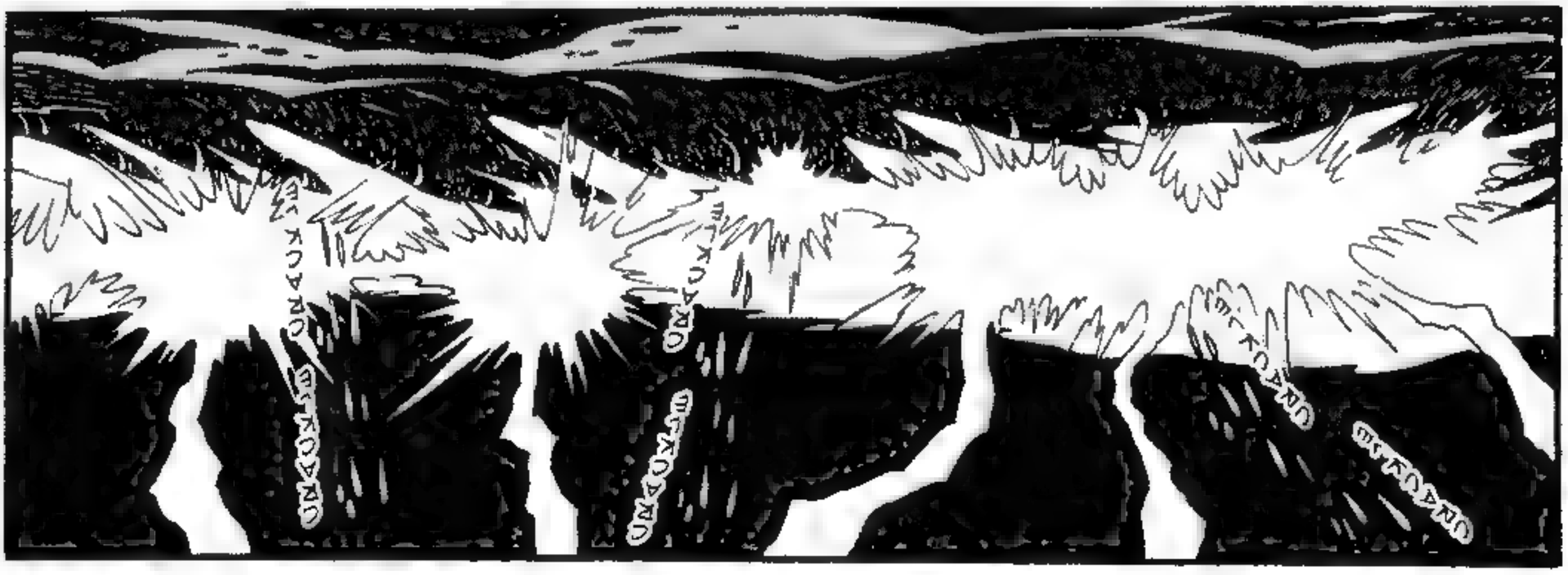
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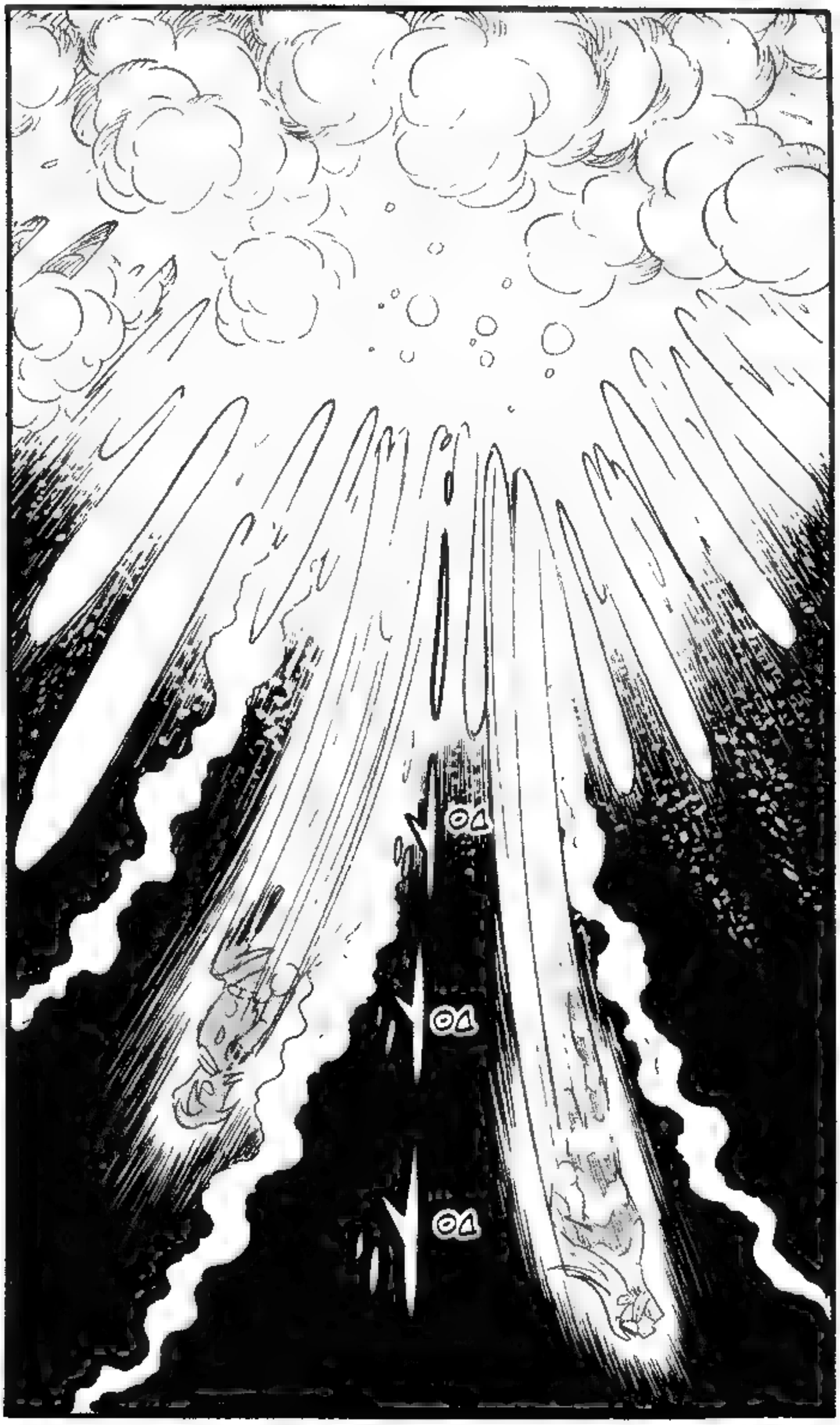
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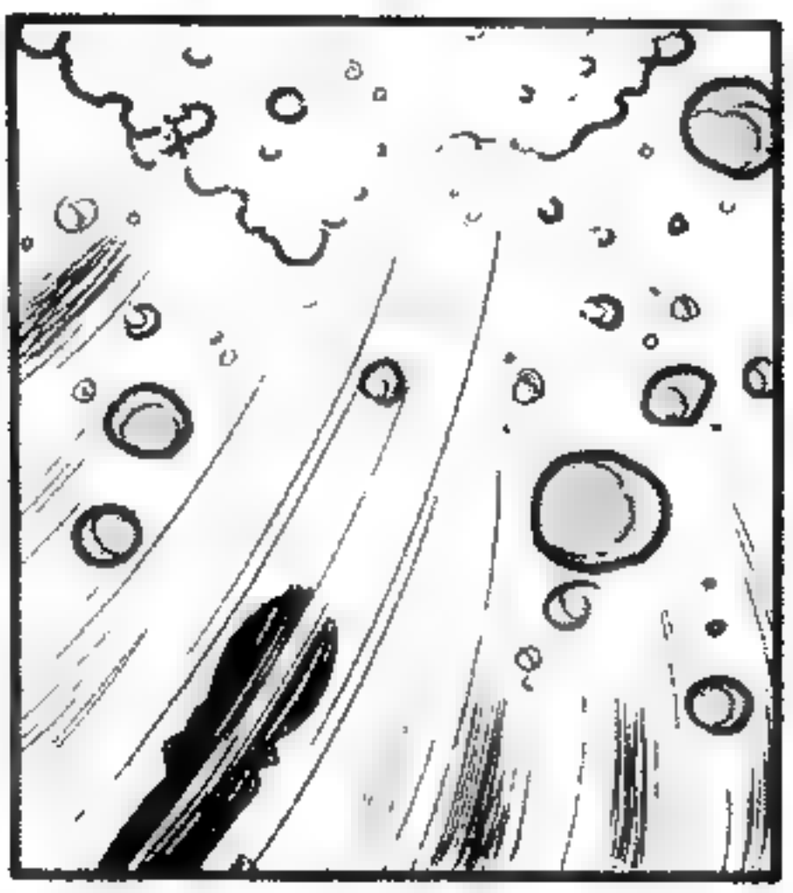

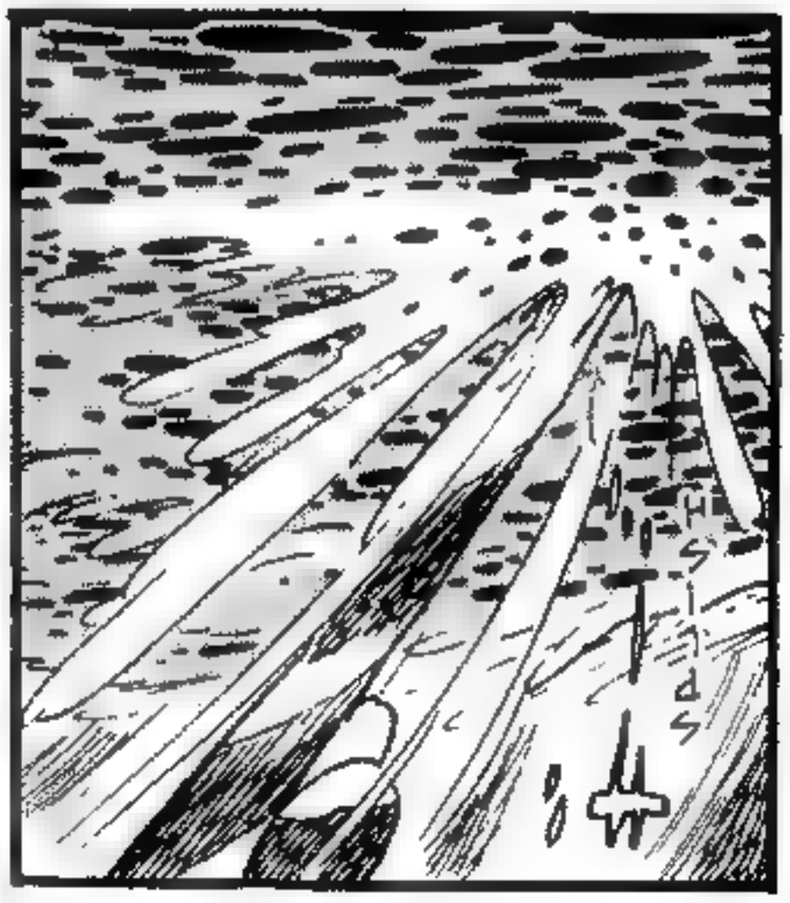
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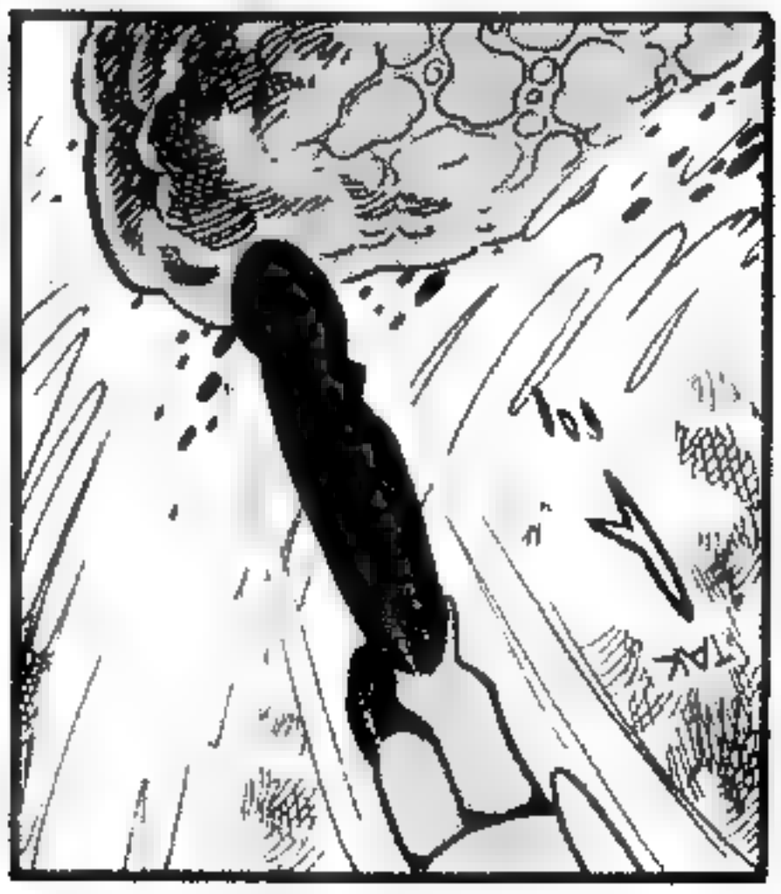
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UNH...

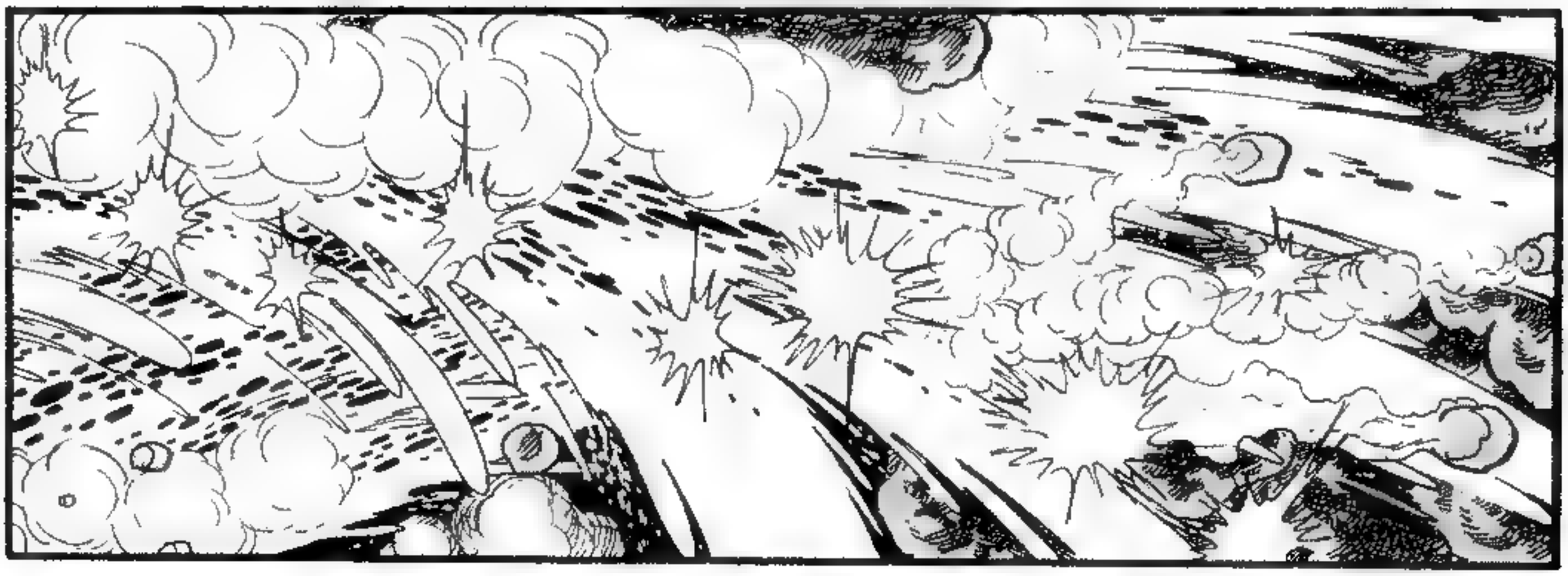
I CAN'T BEAT WHAT I CAN'T SEE.

MY POWERS ARE USELESS AGAINST HIM!

. . . .

SPLASH

WHAT DO I DO?



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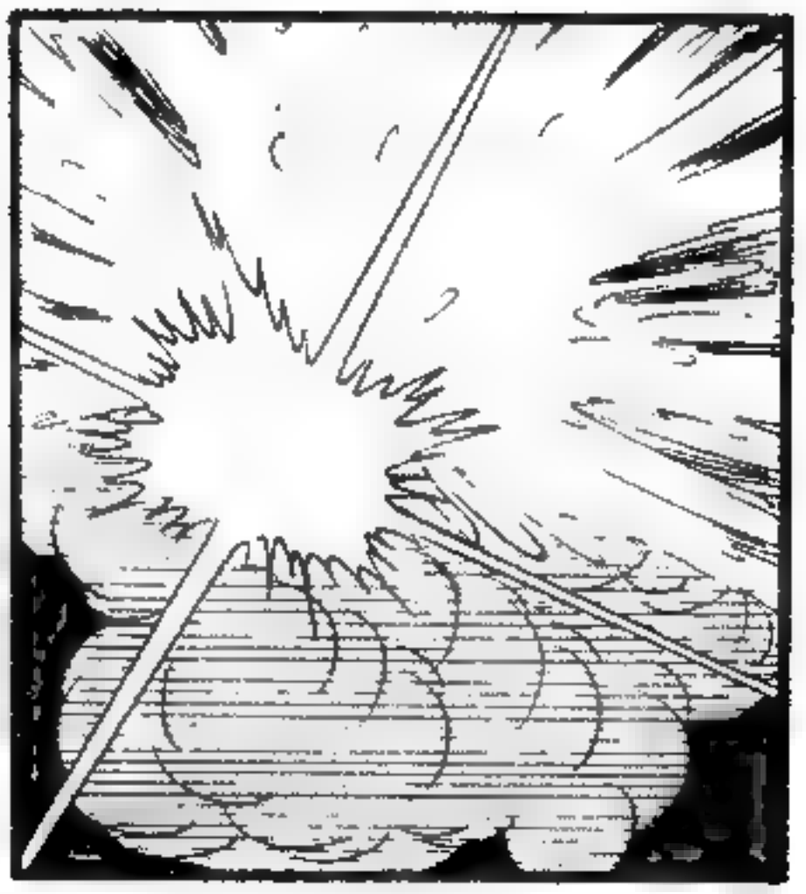

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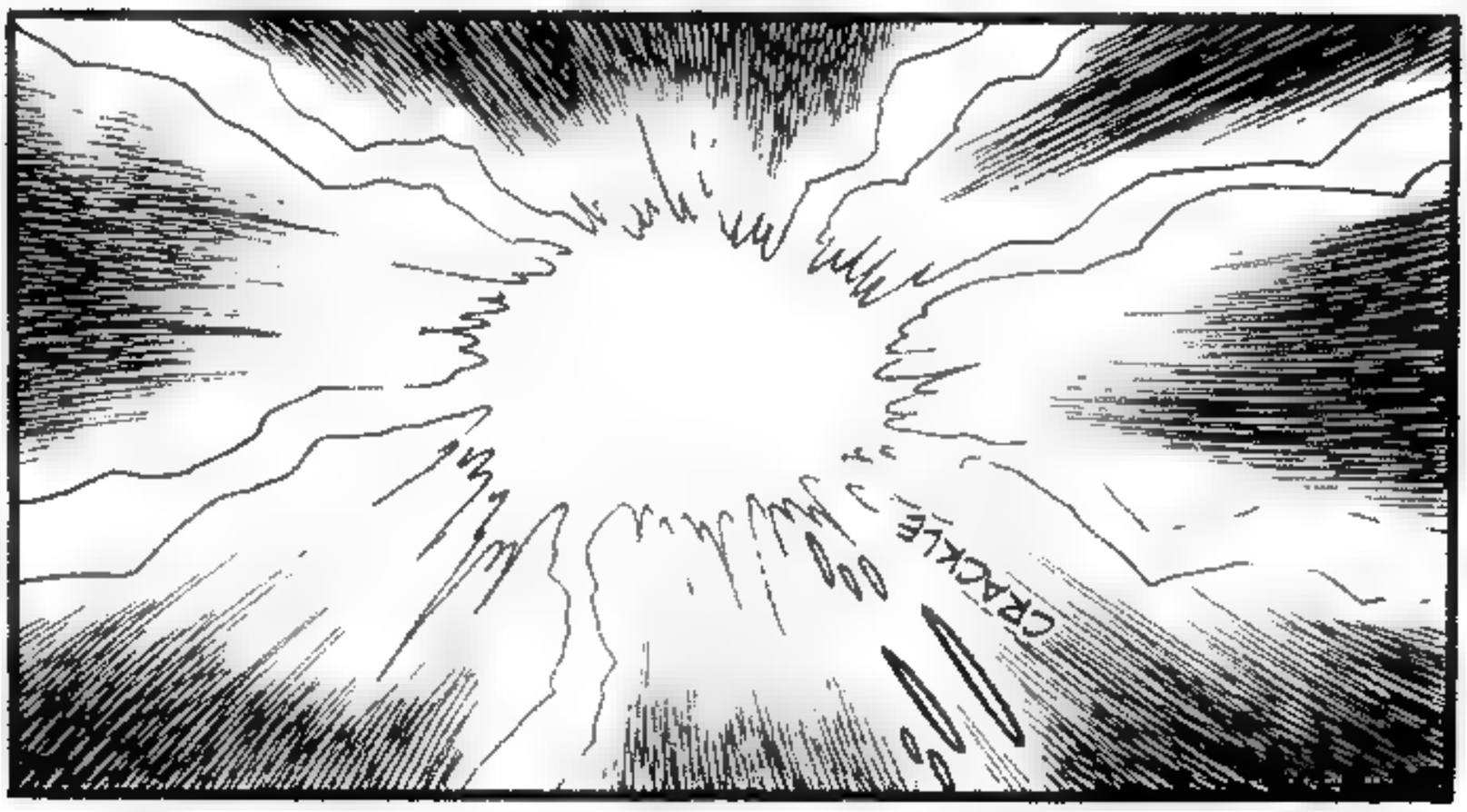
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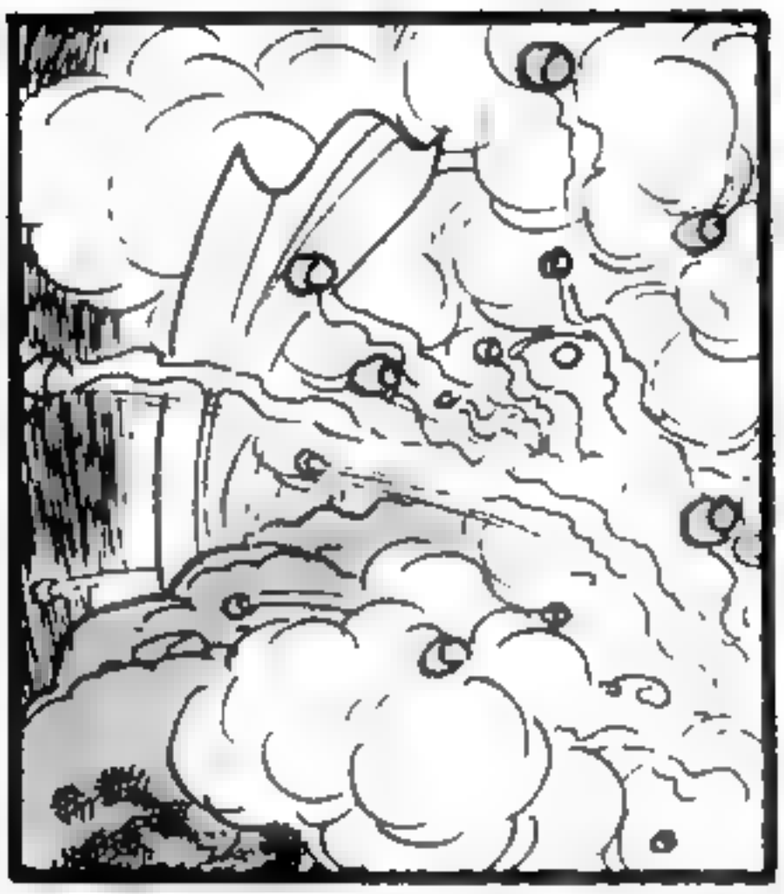

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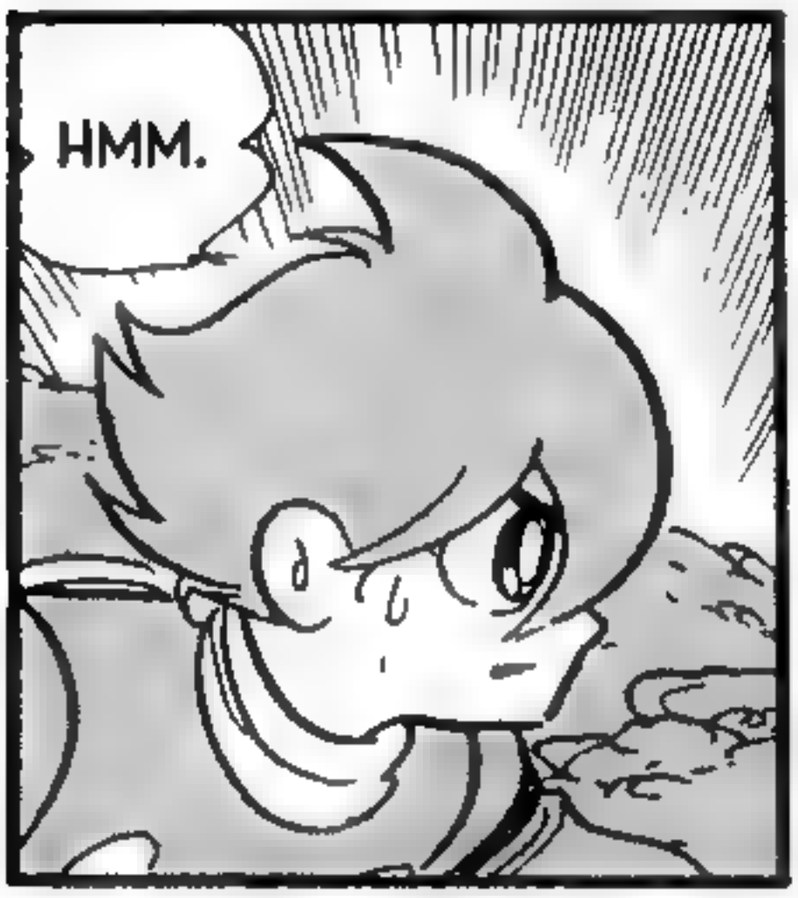
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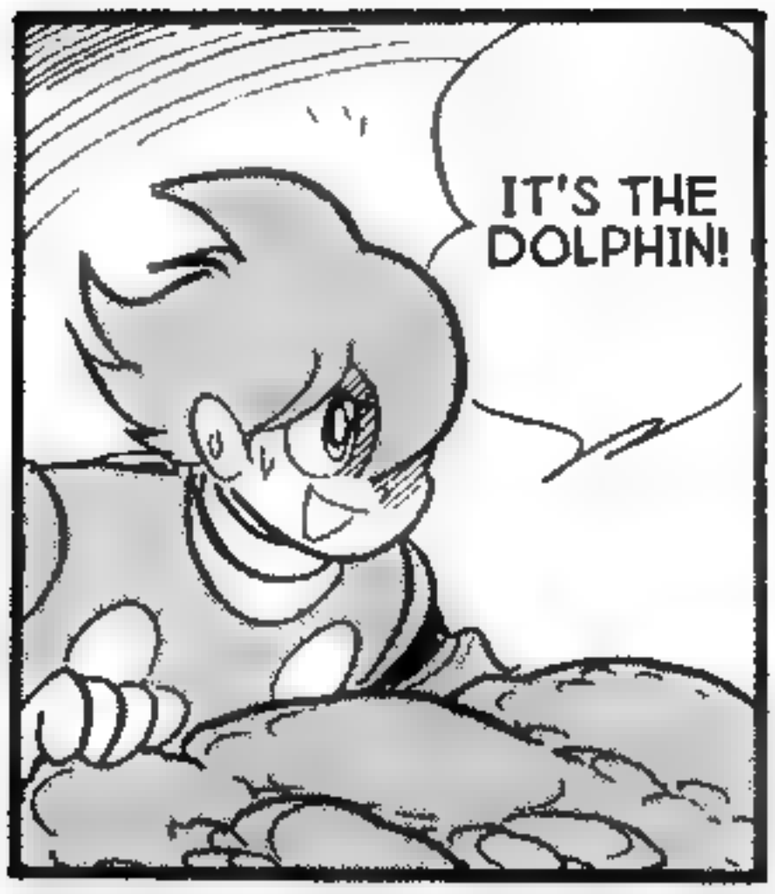
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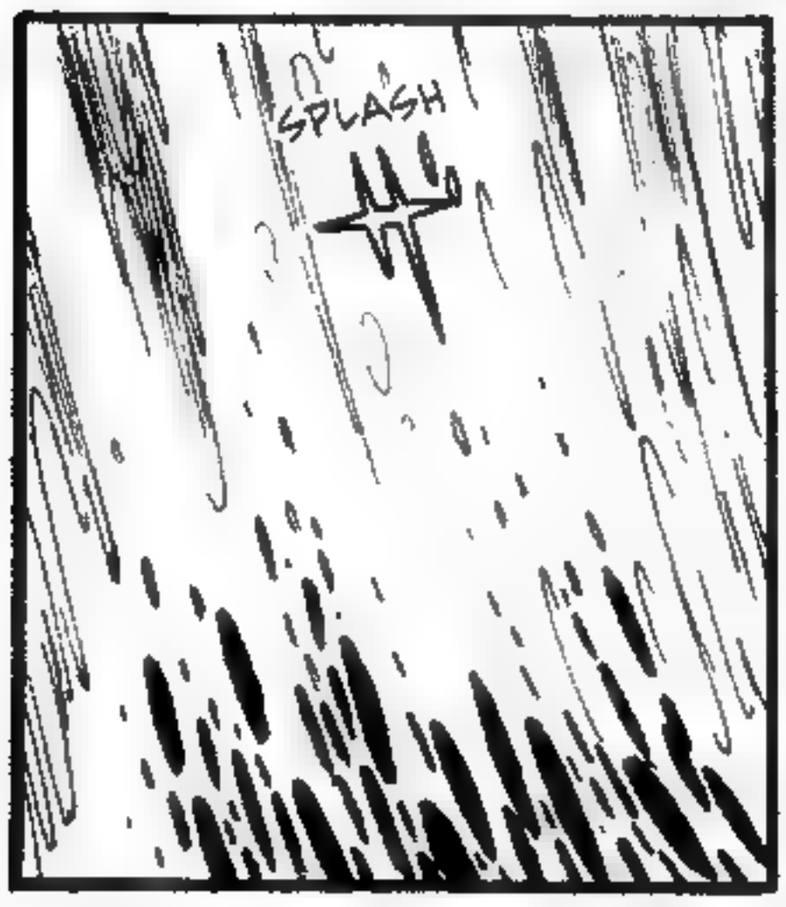
SPLASH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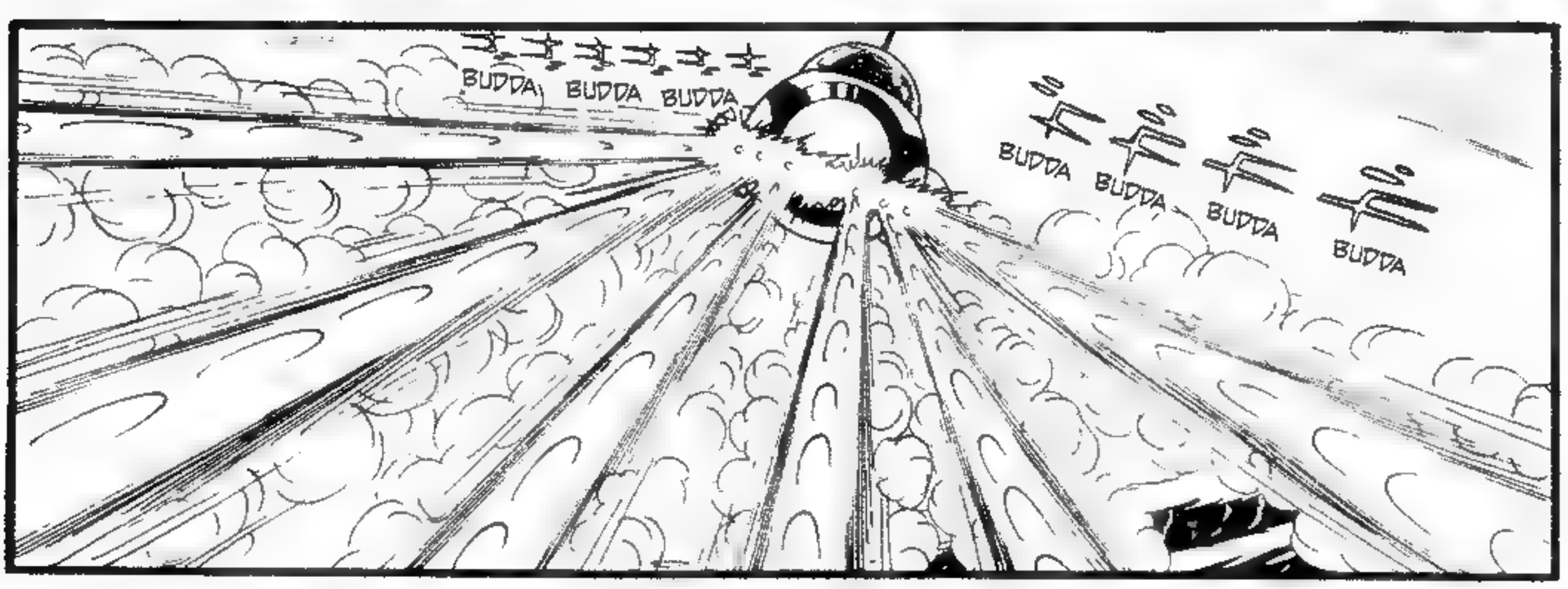
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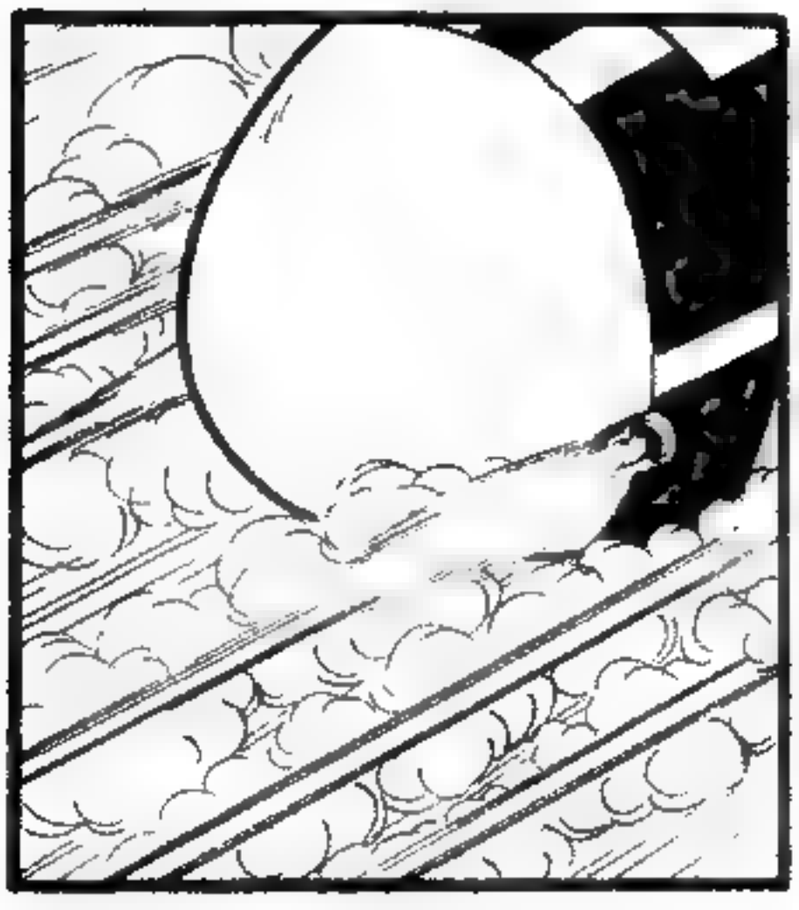
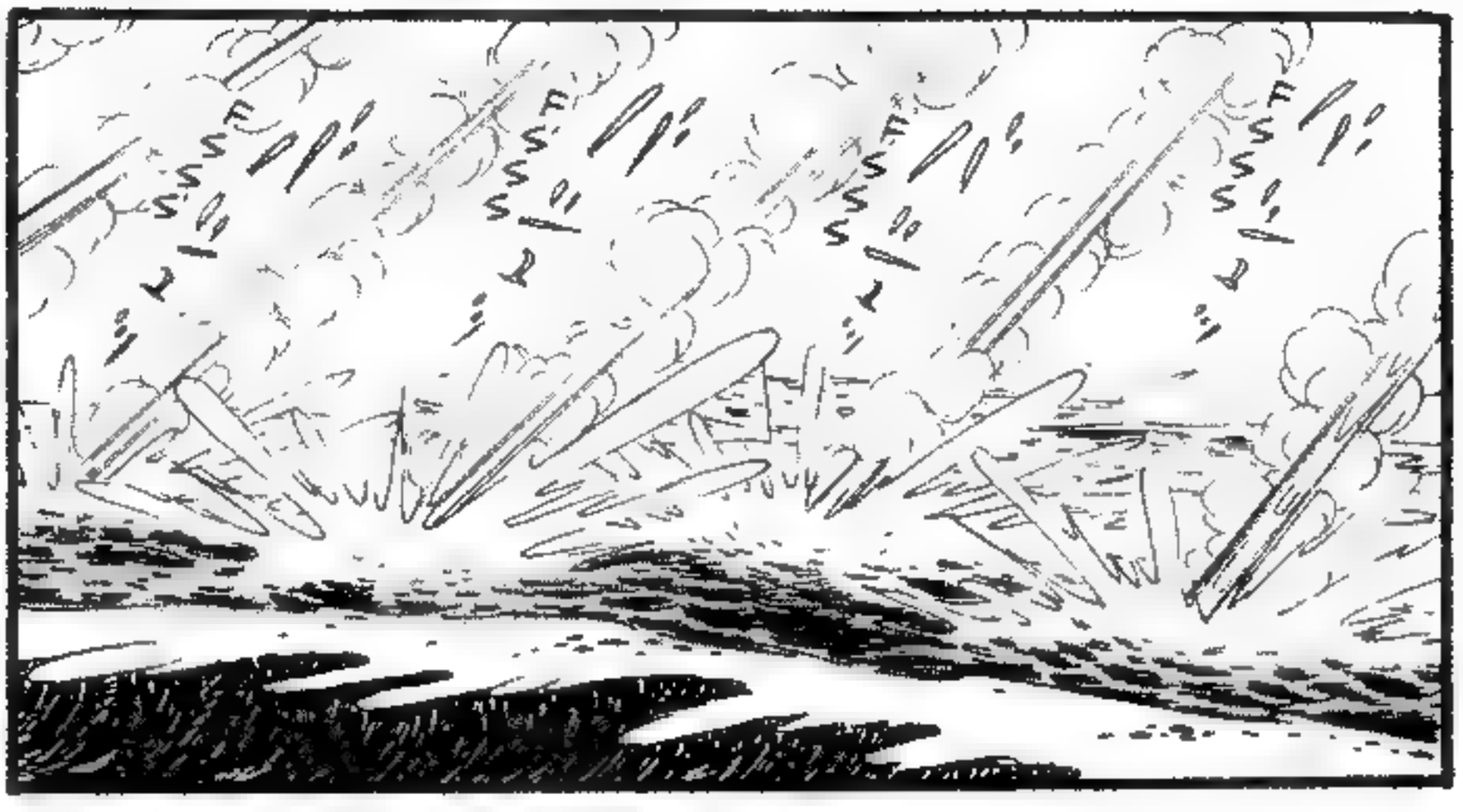



SSSS

WEEEEEEN

AT LEAST I SHOW MY FACE WHEN I FIGHT!

I KNEW IT WOULDN'T BE LONG BEFORE YOU CALLED YOUR FRIENDS TO HELP YOU.

CYBORG 009, YOU COWARD!

BWA HEH HEH HEH HA HA HA

WHO'S THE COWARD NOW?

STEALTH...AND STRATEGY!

HAH! IT'S CALLED STEALTH, LAD!

DAMN...

RIPPLE RIPPLE

WHERE ARE 002 AND 004?

WAIT...

LIKE OUR HANDI-WORK?

IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU SHOWED UP.

HEY!

WE WORE THEM DOWN WITH OUR FISTS.

I LOST HIM.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

BLACK GHOST HAS MADE A FEW IMPROVEMENTS ON THE OLD CYBORG TECHNOLOGY!

I'VE GOT TO ADMIT, THOUGH, IT WASN'T AS EASY AS WE MAKE IT LOOK.

WEEEEN

HMMM.

IT SAVED MY LIFE.

IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT.

YOU'RE STILL PRETTY LIVELY.

ARE YOU GUYS ALL RIGHT?

DO DO DO DO DO DO DO

WE'LL MANAGE.

TIP TOP!

HOW COULD YOU SEE ME IF I WAS ACCELE-RATED?

JOE, YOU LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE ABOUT TO LOSE THAT ONE.

...BUT WE HAD NO IDEA THE SITUATION WOULD BE SO DIRE.

WE KNEW IT WOULD COME IN HANDY...

AND NONE TOO SOON, OLD CHAP!

LOOK WHAT WE FOUND DOCKED UNDER-WATER!

YEAH, EVEN 009'S HOUSE ISN'T SAFE ANYMORE.

WELL, WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

I'M GLAD YOU WERE ABLE TO FIND ME.

AH! THAT EXPLAINS IT.

WE WERE TRACKING YOU WITH THE DOLPHIN'S RADAR.

.....

HE'S RIGHT. WE HAVE TO RIP THE HEART OUT OF THE BEAST.

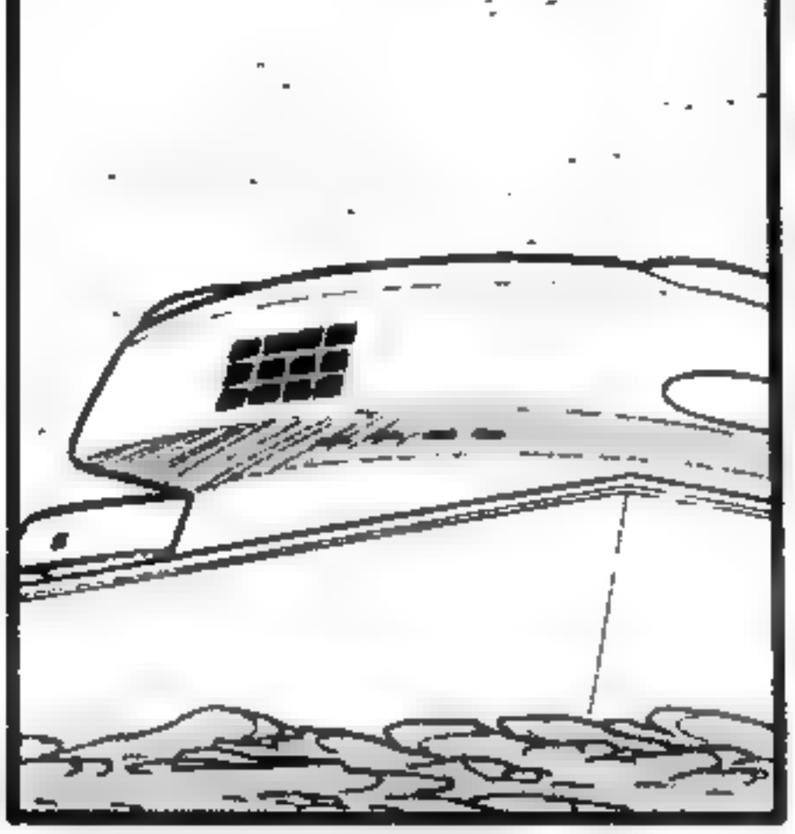
WE'RE GOING TO HEAD FOR BLACK GHOST'S UNDERGROUND FORTRESS.

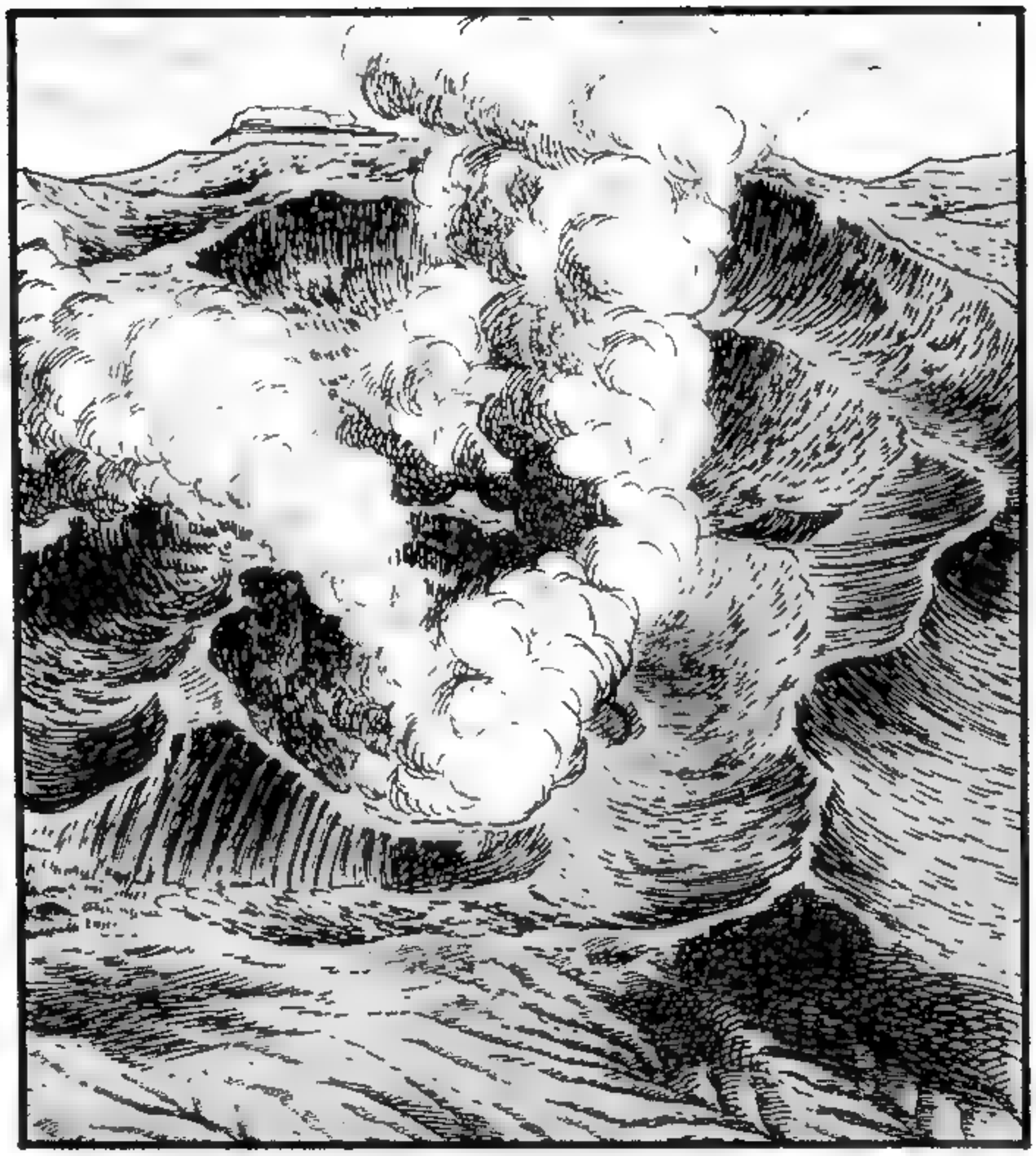
DO DO DO DO

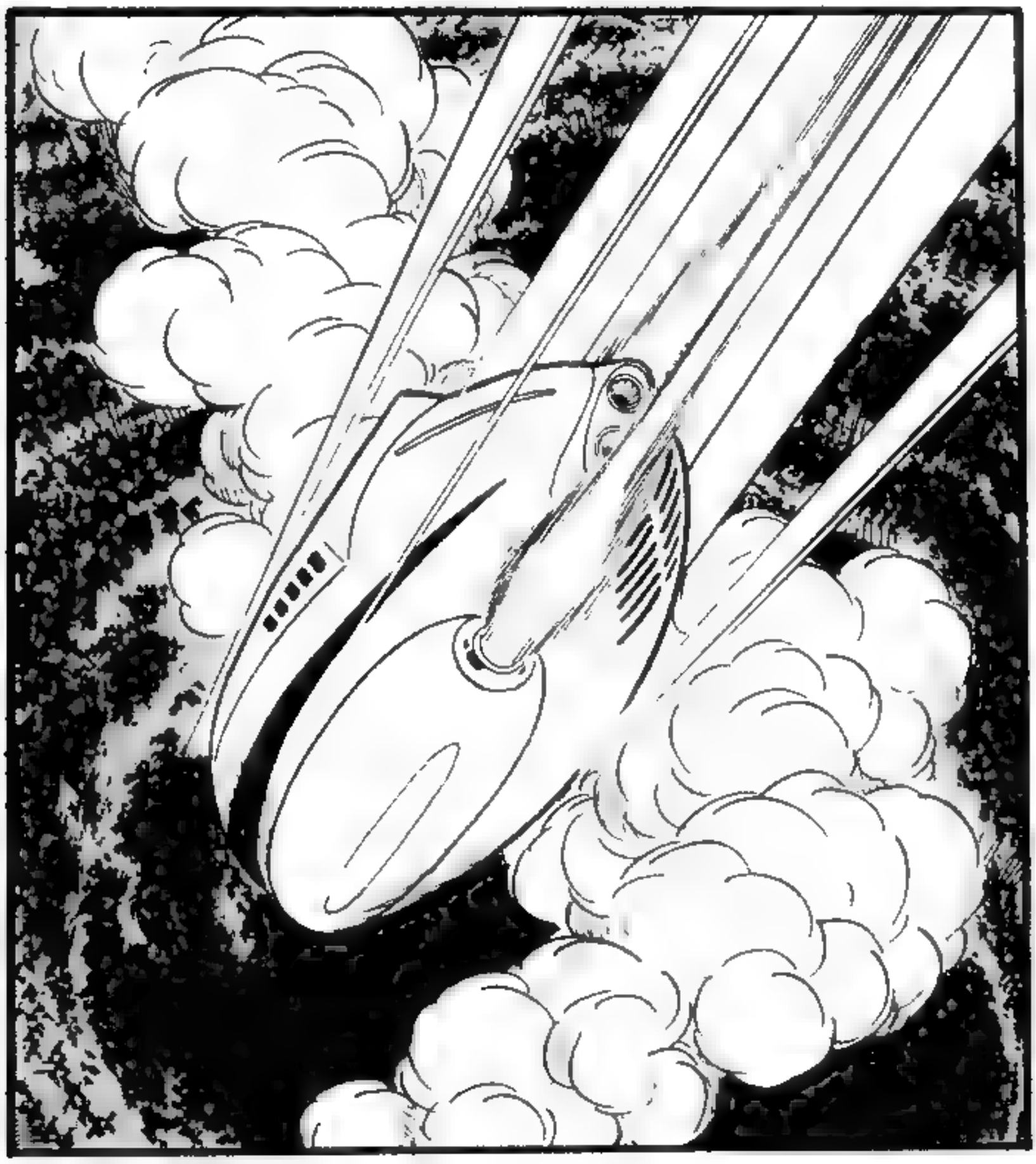
LET'S GO!

WE KNOW WHERE THEY'RE HIDING. WE CAN GUIDE YOU.

CHAPTER 34 INTO THE UNDERGROUND LAIR







...IT'LL OPEN UP TO AN UNDER-GROUND PASSAGEWAY.

IF WE KEEP BURROWING THROUGH HERE...

DO

DO

DO

DO

DO

EXCELLENT! THEY'RE PLAYING STRAIGHT INTO OUR TRAP!

THEY DUG RIGHT PAST US AND ARE HEADED STRAIGHT FOR THE UNDER-GROUND EMPIRE.

EVERY-THING IS GOING ACCORDING TO YOUR PLAN.

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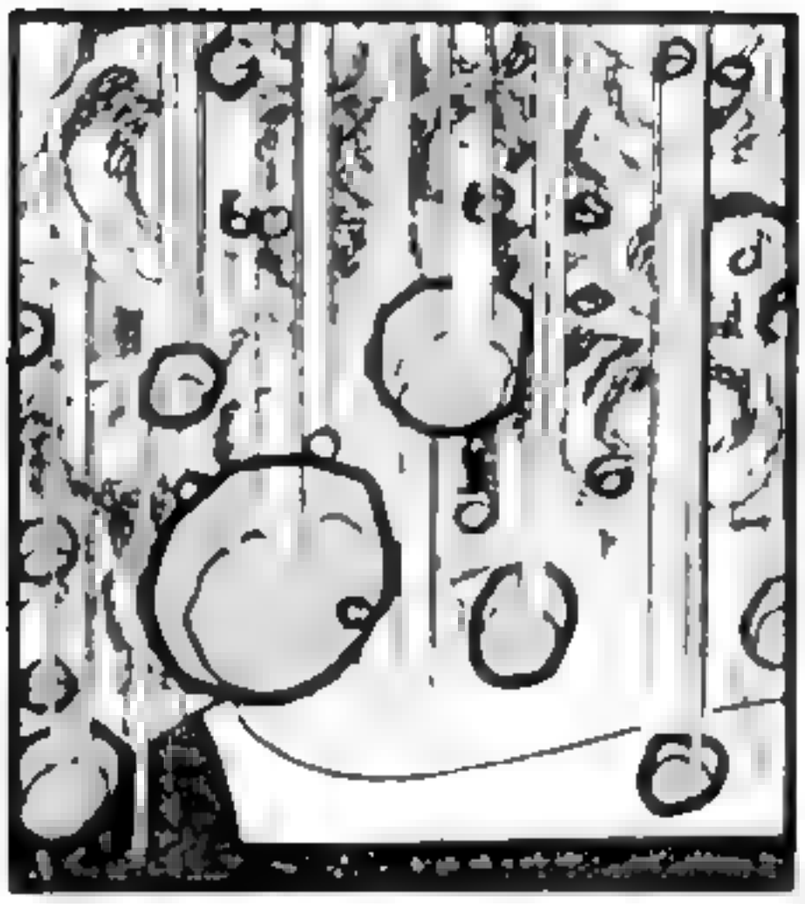

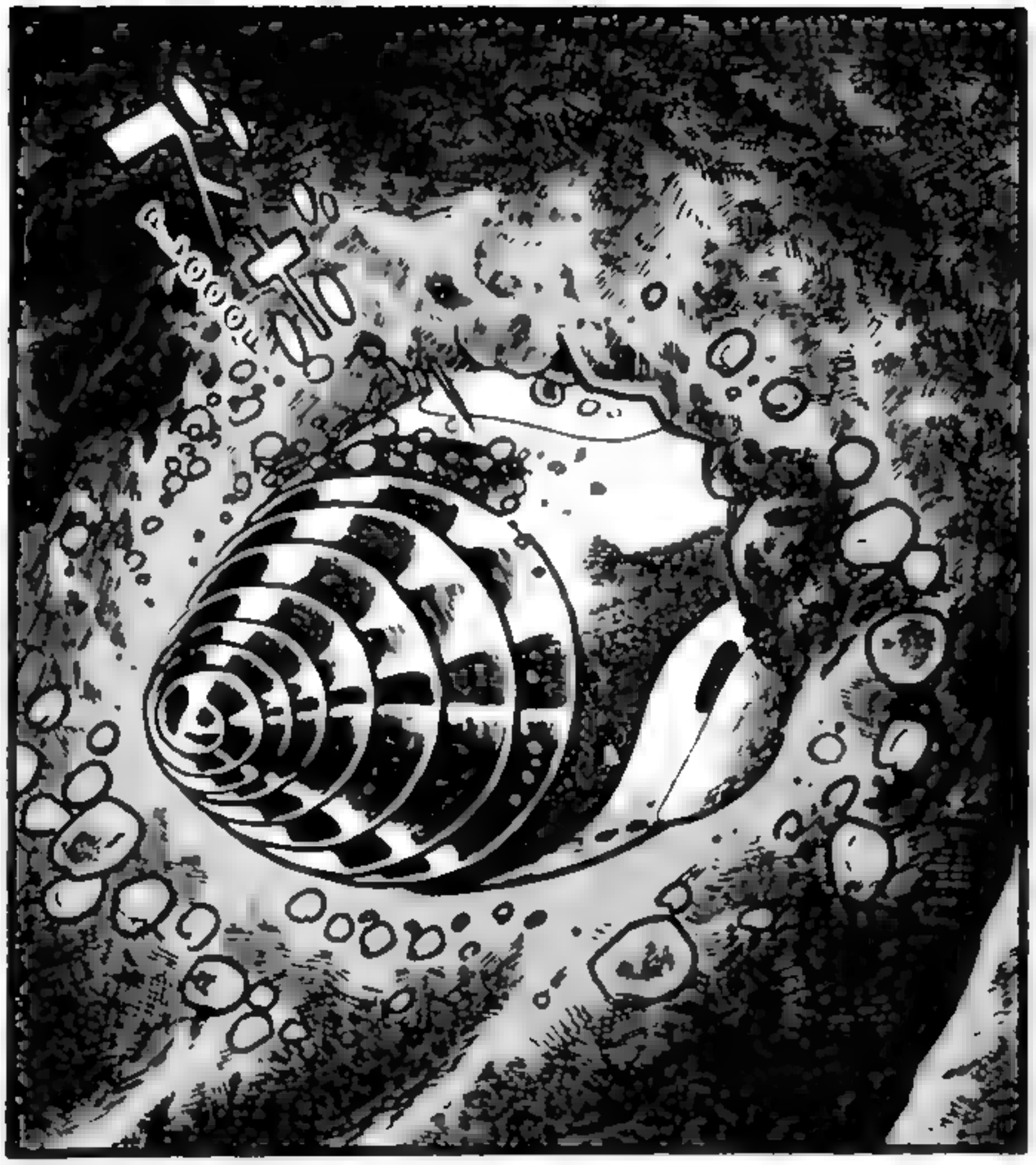

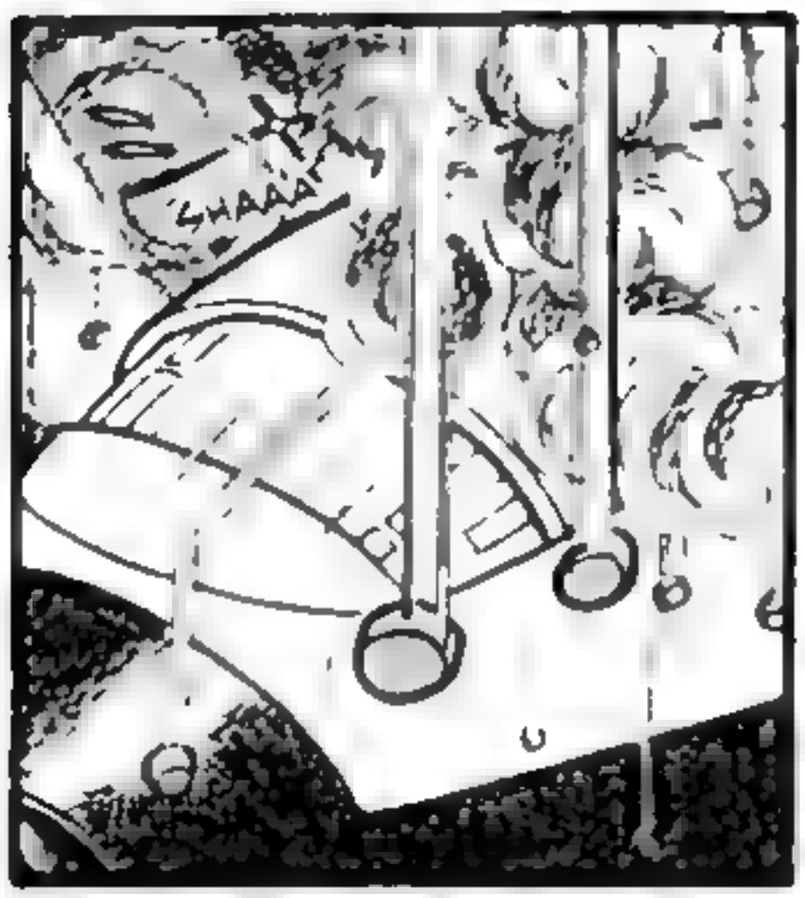
SHAAA

FROM HERE, THE PASSAGEWAYS CORRESPOND WITH THE ROADS ABOVE.
NOW ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS DECIDE WHICH WAY TO GO.

WHIRRRR

WHIZZZZ

IT'S TOO SMALL FOR THEM HERE. HE MUST HAVE RAISED THEM IN ANOTHER UNDERGROUND AREA.

IS THIS WHERE HE BRED THE ULTRA-SONIC WAVE MONSTERS AS WELL?

YES.

HMM, THIS LOOKS LIKE THIS PLACE COULD SERVE AS A BREEDING GROUND FOR ALL OF THOSE CRAZY BEASTS ON THE PRESIDENT'S ISLAND.

WHIRRR

THERE ARE THREE MAJOR SECTIONS... THAT I KNOW OF.

JUST HOW LARGE IS THIS SUBTERRANEAN NETWORK THEY HAVE DOWN HERE?

WE'D BEST PREPARE FOR OUR DEPARTURE.

MM.

SIR, THEY'RE BURROWING STRAIGHT THROUGH TUNNEL NUMBER TWO. THEY'LL BE IN THE UNDERGROUND CAPITAL SHORTLY.

MMM—

COME NOW, DIANA.

CHAK

FLASH

CHIK

CHAK

BRRRRRR

HWOOOOOOOSH

TAKE THE ONE IN THE MIDDLE.

...SOME-TIME EARLY TOMOR-ROW MORN-ING?

AT THIS SPEED, I'D PREDICT WE'D BE THERE...

HOW LONG 'TIL WE REACH THE UNDER-GROUND CONTI-NENT?

FWOOOO

BELOW US IS A SEA OF LAVA.

BE CAREFUL.

WOW ...

STEER CLEAR, 009!

WH RRRR

AH!

NOW WHERE?

JUST KEEP GOING FORWARD.

IT'S A LONG JOURNEY.

SKREEE

THERE ARE MANY MORE.

HEH. THAT WAS CLOSE.

DON'T PUSH IT.

CAREFUL, JOE

WHIRRR

WAH!

WHIRR

DO YOU THINK WE COULD MAKE IT TO THAT ENTRANCE OVER THERE?

DO

DO

WAH!

KYAAA!

CLATTER

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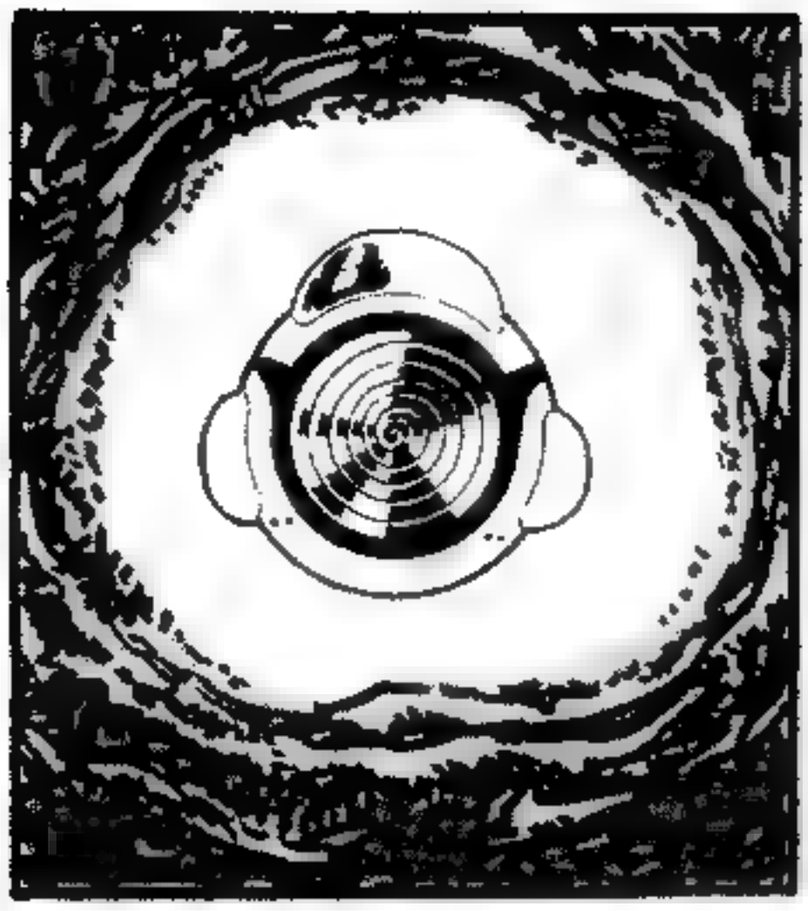

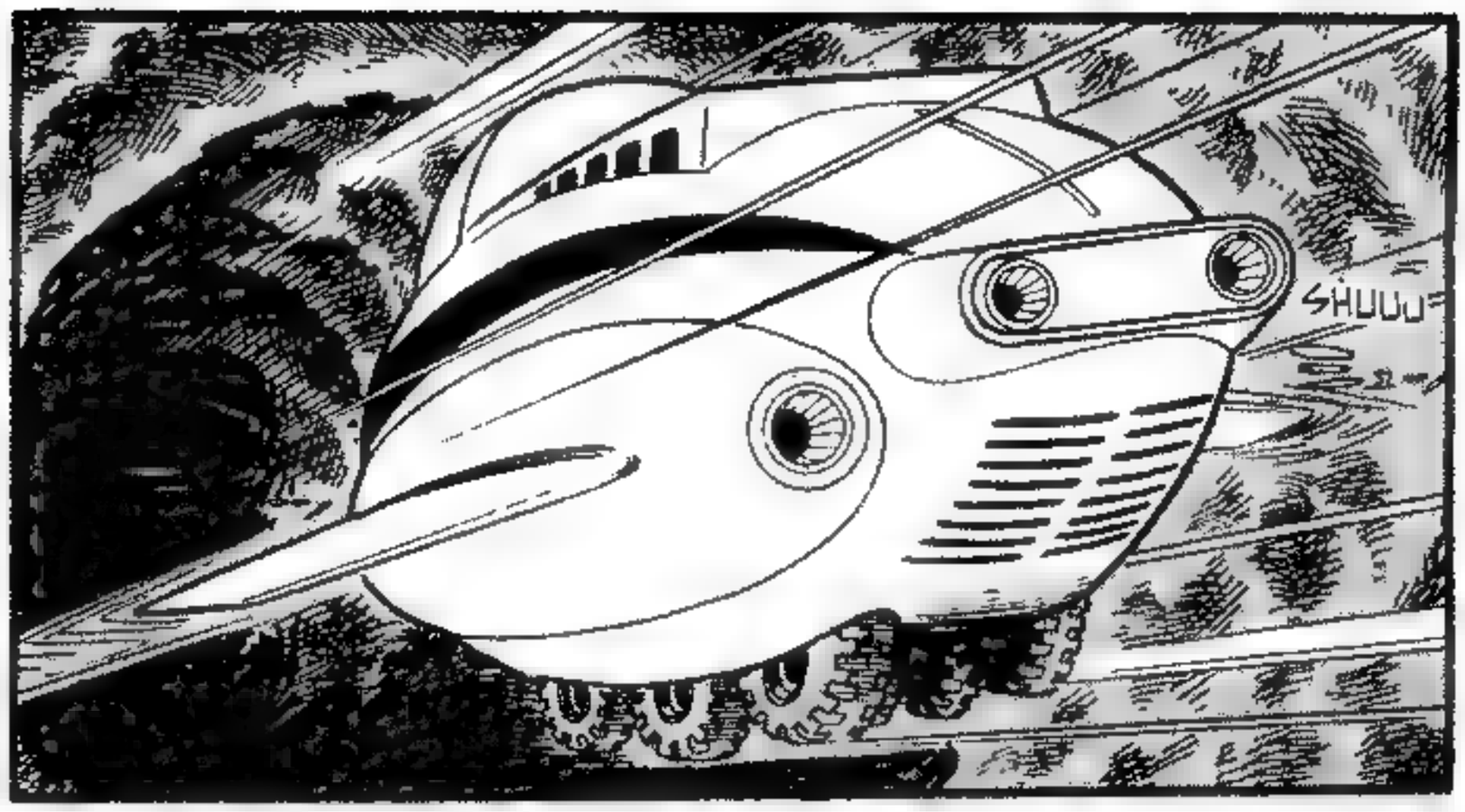
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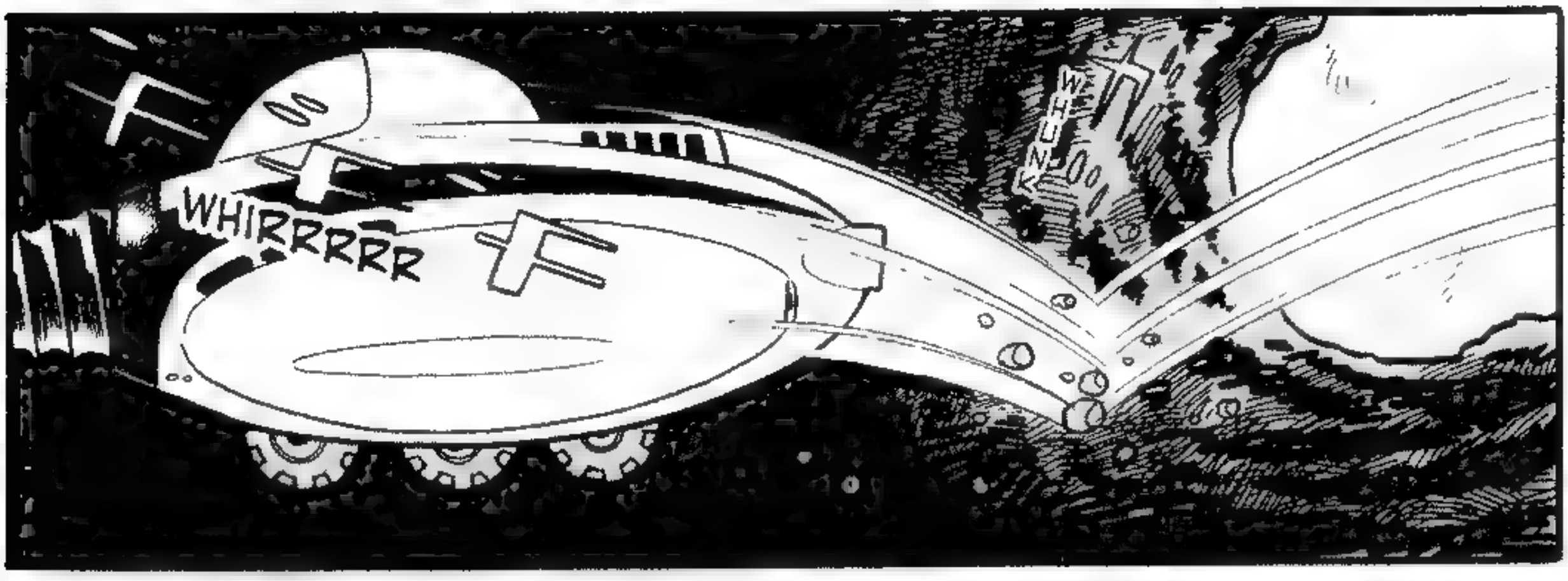
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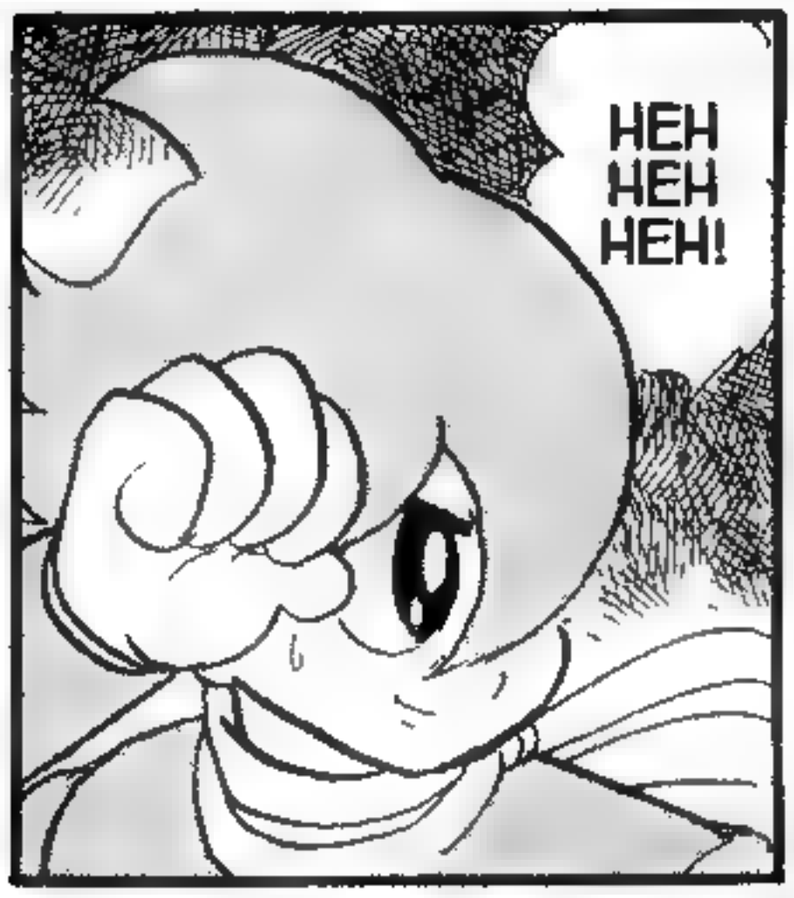
WHUNK

LET'S GO!
WHIRRRR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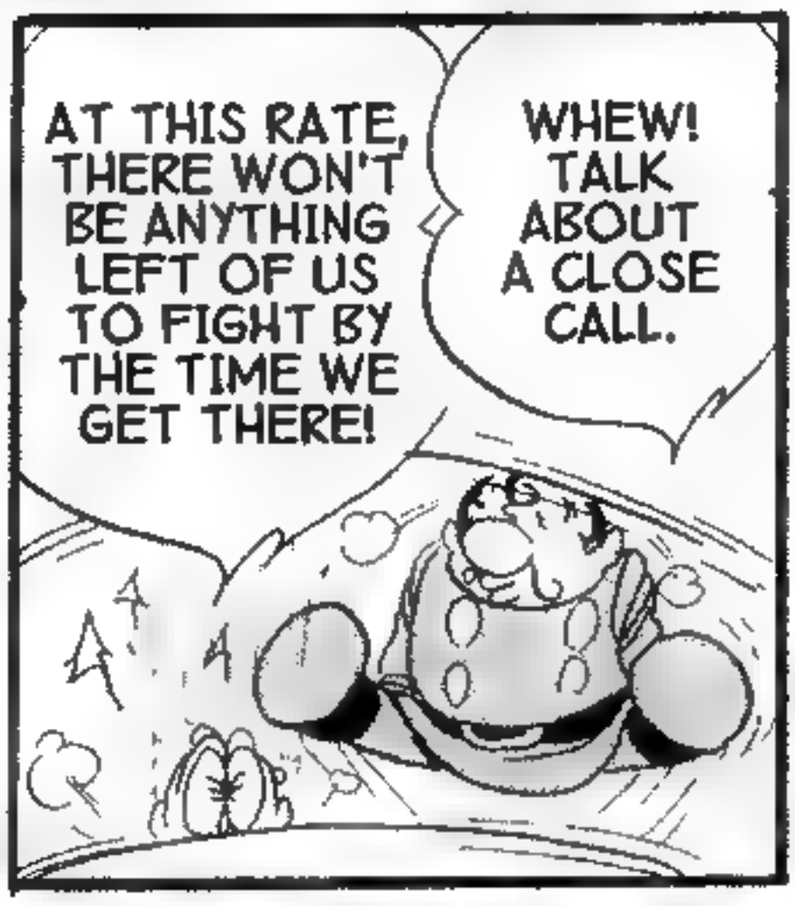

AT THIS RATE, THERE WON'T BE ANYTHING LEFT OF US TO FIGHT BY THE TIME WE GET THERE!
WHEW! TALK ABOUT A CLOSE CALL.

FWOOOOO

DO
DO
DO

KEEP IN MIND, THERE'S A MUCH BIGGER GOAL HERE!

WHAT'S WRONG, DIANA? WORRIED ABOUT YOUR SISTERS?

OKAY.

TAKE THE FIRST PASSAGEWAY! THAT'S THE SAFEST!

FWOOOO

GOOD. THEN WE SHALL CONTINUE OUR PURSUIT..

FWOOOO

OF COURSE.

SOMETIMES, IN ORDER TO REACH AN OBJECTIVE, SOME SACRIFICES HAVE TO BE MADE!

FWOOOOOO

CONTACT HEADQUAR-TERS. LET THEM KNOW WHERE WE ARE.

WE'LL BE THERE SHORTLY.

FWOOO

AH!

AS YOU COM-MAND.

WE HAVE TO LET THEM KNOW.

ALERT BLACK GHOST!

APHRODITE! IT'S DIANA!

AH!

HAH HAH! THEY'VE RUN AWAY FROM BLACK GHOST...

...ONLY TO RETURN TO FACE THEIR DOOM!

AFTER ALL THIS TIME, THE CYBORG FORCE IS PLAYING RIGHT INTO MY HANDS?

WHAT IS THAT YOU SAY?

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

HUMMM

AMAZING!

YES, SIR.

YOU TWO, ALERT THE REST TO EVACUATE THE AREA.

THESE ROCKS ARE FLUORES-CENT!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND... WHY IS THE GROUND GLOWING?
NO, WE'RE ONLY HALFWAY THERE.
IS THIS IT, VENUS?
THIS PLACE IS INCREDIBLE!

HUH?

JOE.

I LIKE THE MORNING LIGHT.

COCK A DOODLE DOO! IT'S LIKE THE MORNING LIGHT!

IT'S NOT THE ROCKS THAT ARE GLOWING .. BUT A MYSTERIOUS SUBSTANCE ON THE ROCKS...

YOU'RE MISTAKEN, 006.

RA

RA

KRAK

KRAK

KRAK!

AAAAH!

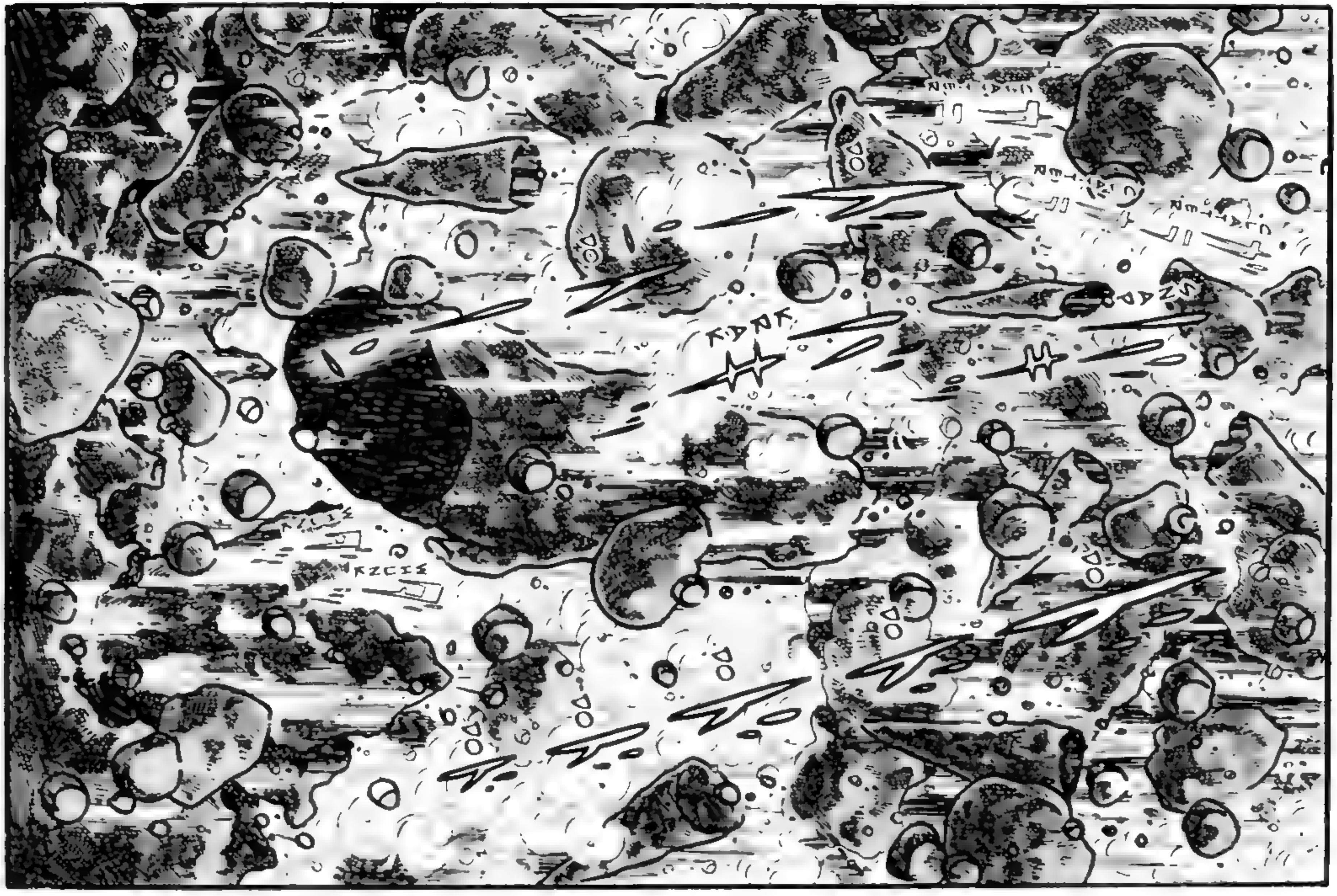
UH, SURE, HELEN. GO AHEAD.

NOW THAT THINGS HAVE CALMED DOWN A LITTLE, I'D LIKE TO TELL YOU SOMETHING...

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT. THE BLACK GHOST IS AN EVIL MAN.

RUMBLE

AAH?



WHUK

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

DO

DO

DO

DO

RATTLE

RATTLE

RATTLE

SHHHHHN!

I... I'LL BE FINE. CHECK ON THE OTH--

003! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

CHOK

CHOK

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

DO

DO

DO

WHERE IS EVERYONE ELSE?!

OH NO! WHERE'S THE DOLPHIN?!

CHOK CHOK CHOK

DO

DO

DO

CHOK

CHOK

CHOK

009!
002!

WHIRRR

GREAT!

...TO PULL HELEN AND VENUS TO SAFETY IN THE DOLPHIN.

WE USED OUR ACCELER-ATION SWITCHES...

SSSS

SSSS

UNGH!

WHERE'S THE REST OF THE GANG?

FOOOO

HERE... ALLOW ME...

I DON'T SEE 008 ANYWHERE EITHER.

WE'RE STILL MISSING 004 AND 007...

WHEW!

I HADN'T EVEN THOUGHT OF THAT.

THEY COULD BE UNDER THESE ROCKS.

FOOO FOOO FOOO

NOT THAT, 006!

KONK

WE'LL HAVE TO DIG!

CLATTER CLATTER CLATTER

WHOK

KRAK

WHIZZZ

...GENTLY...

H-HEY 005...

CHOK

CHOK

CHOK

.....

.....

005 SEEMS TO HAVE IT UNDER CONTROL.

002...

...MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST STAY OUT OF HIS WAY.

DID YOU FIND SOMEONE?

HMM.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

004!

HEH HEH HEH... HI.

WELL, LOOK HERE.

007 WAS BEHIND ME!

WHAT LUCK!

LUCKILY, ONE OF THE LARGER ROCKS FROM ABOVE KEPT ME FROM BEING CRUSHED BY ALL THE OTHERS.

OH... IT'S WHAT YOU CALL BEING STUCK BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE...

.....

IF HE HAD TIME.

IF I KNOW HIM, HE'S DISGUISED HIMSELF AS ONE OF THESE BOULDERS.

NOW WE'RE ONLY MISSING 007.

I TOLD YOU WE'D MAKE IT OUT OF THAT TIGHT JAM, BUDDY.

ROLL

ROLL

ROLL

HE'S AS FLAT AS A PANCAKE.

OH NO!! 007!

SHUDDER SHUDDER SHUDDER

POP POP POP

POIK

ROLL

ROLL

HMPH!

THAT'S ALL OF US. EXCELLENT.

DON'T SCARE US LIKE THAT!

DOWN BUT NEVER OUT!

LUCKILY, SHE SURVIVED THE ROCKS...

OF ALL THE CYBORGS, SHE'S THE LEAST PROTECTED.

HELEN AND VENUS ARE HUMANS, MUCH MORE FRAGILE THAN 003!

OH!

YOU THINK IT'S BECAUSE YOU PROTECTED HELEN BEFORE YOU TRIED TO SAVE HER?

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO HER?

HEY, DON JUAN!

...BUT SHE'S STILL HURT BY WHERE YOUR HEART LIES.

CRUNCH

THE DOLPHIN HAS A DRILL.

IT'S ALL RIGHT.

IT'S BLOCKED THE PAS-SAGEWAY.

THIS WAS A MASSIVE CAVE IN.

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ゴゴゴ

HMMM. PERSISTENT BUGGERS AREN'T THEY? THE CAVE HAS FALLEN ON THEM AND STILL THEY CONTINUE!

BUT...

DO DO DO DO

I DIDN'T EXPECT THEM TO GET THIS FAR.

.....

WE MUST STOP THEM.

DO DO DO DO DO DO

PLOOOF

KEEP GOING IN THIS DIRECTION.

YES.

ARE WE ON THE RIGHT TRACK, VENUS?

DO YOU GET THE FEELING WE'RE BEING WATCHED?

SKRUUU

HMM, THE TERRAIN HAS CHANGED A BIT.

IS THAT BAD?

JUST BE CAREFUL, 009.

WHIRRR

IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF A PATHWAY HERE...

PATHWAY OR NOT, WE MUST KEEP MOVING FORWARD.

FSSSH

WAH!

CLATTER CLATTER CLATTER CLATTER CLATTER

WHAT'S GOING ON?

WHAT'S THIS?

IT SEEMS PRETTY CALM AROUND HERE.

DON'T SPEAK TOO SOON!

IT'S AN ENTIRE SEA OF IT!

OH NO! LAVA!

BLOOP BLOOP BLOOP

NEGA-TIVE!

COULD WE DRILL THROUGH THE HOT ROCK?

I'D WE DON'T, WE'LL MELT!

IF WE IGNITE THE JETS, WE'LL EXPLODE!

THE PROPULSION SYSTEM IS BLOCKED!!

FIRE THE JETS!

WE GO OUT-SIDE!

WHAT DO WE DO?!!

OUCH!

THE DOLPHIN WOULD MELT IN THE HEAT!

HURRY! WE'RE SINKING!

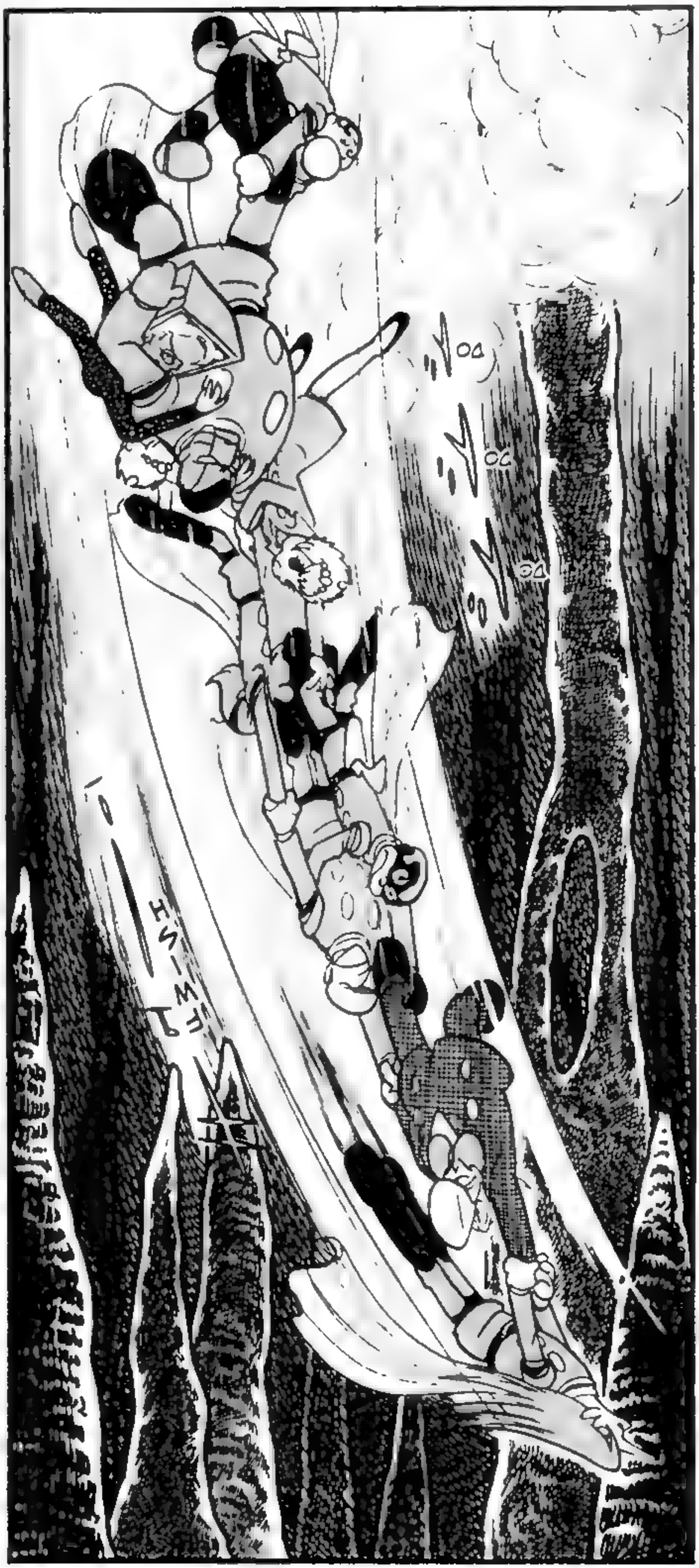
INTO THE LAVA?!

EVERYONE, GRAB HOLD OF EACH OTHER!

DO

DO

DO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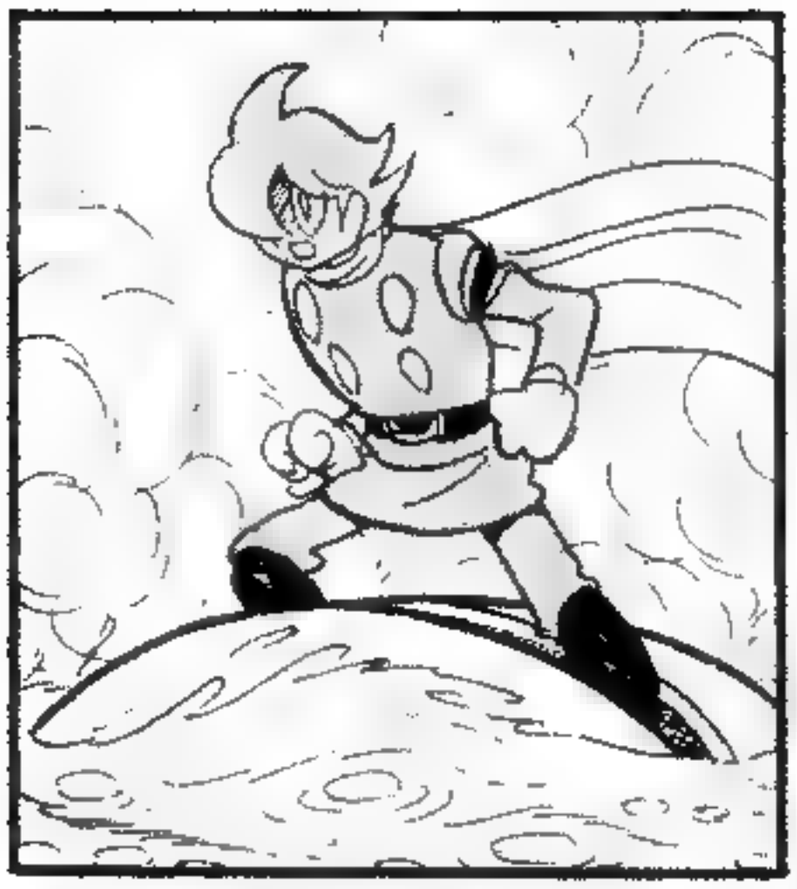

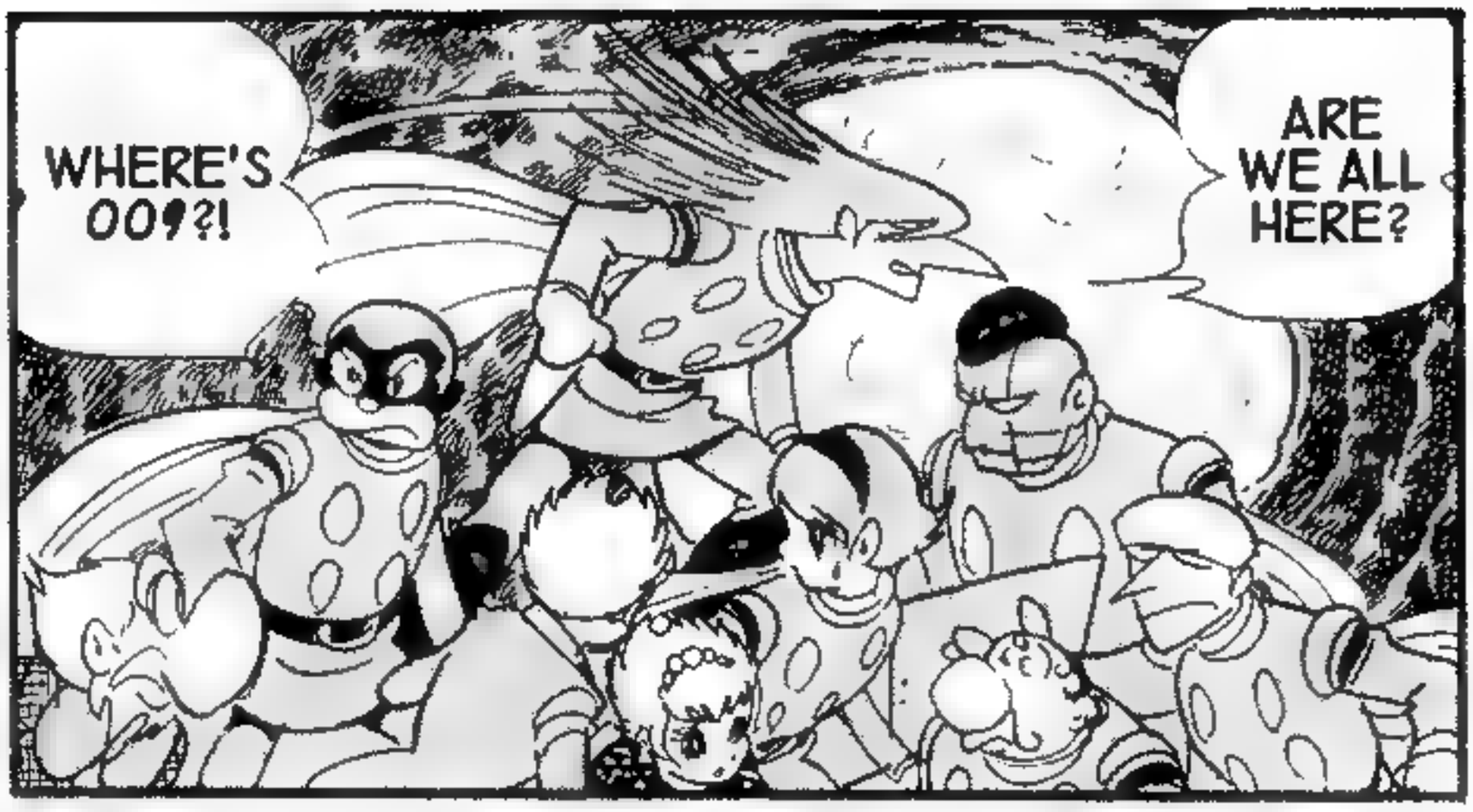
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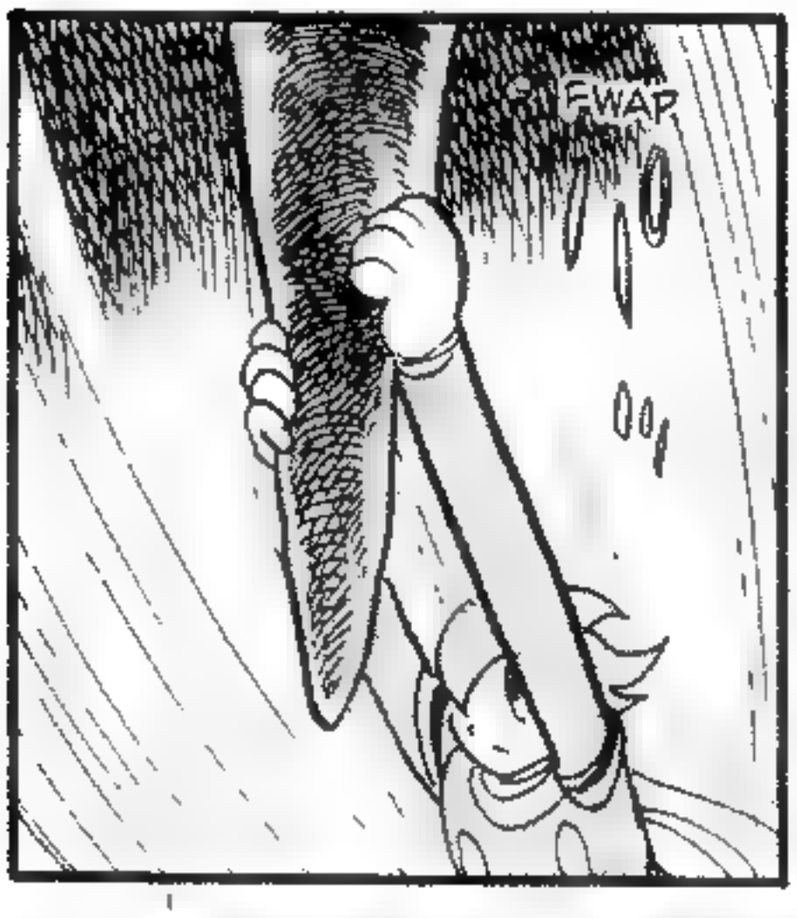
ARE WE ALL HERE?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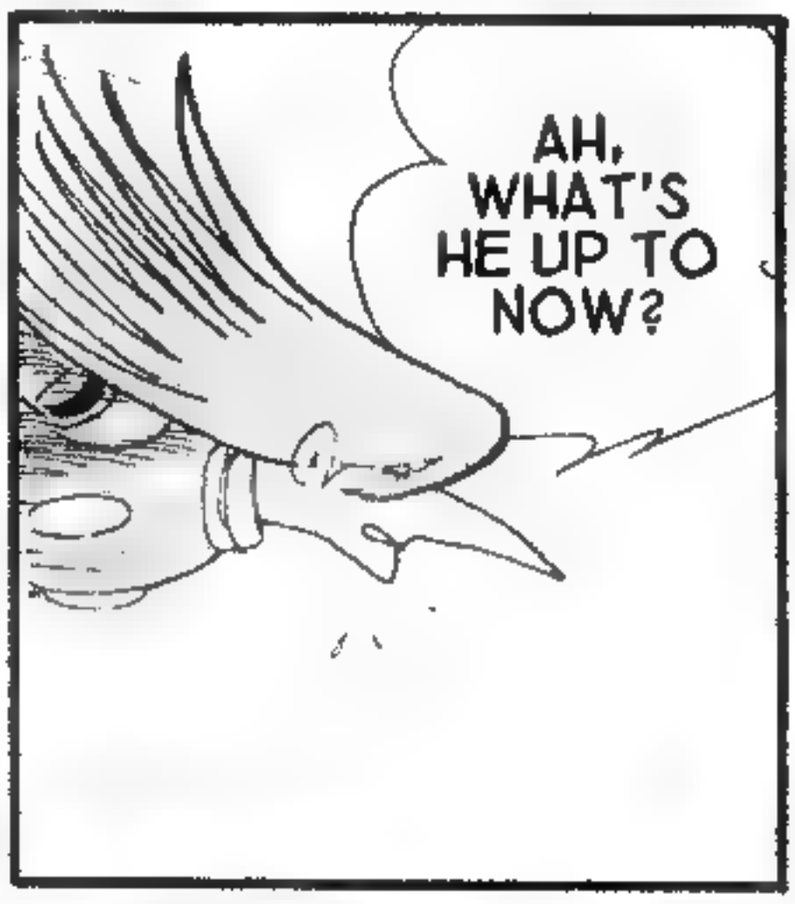
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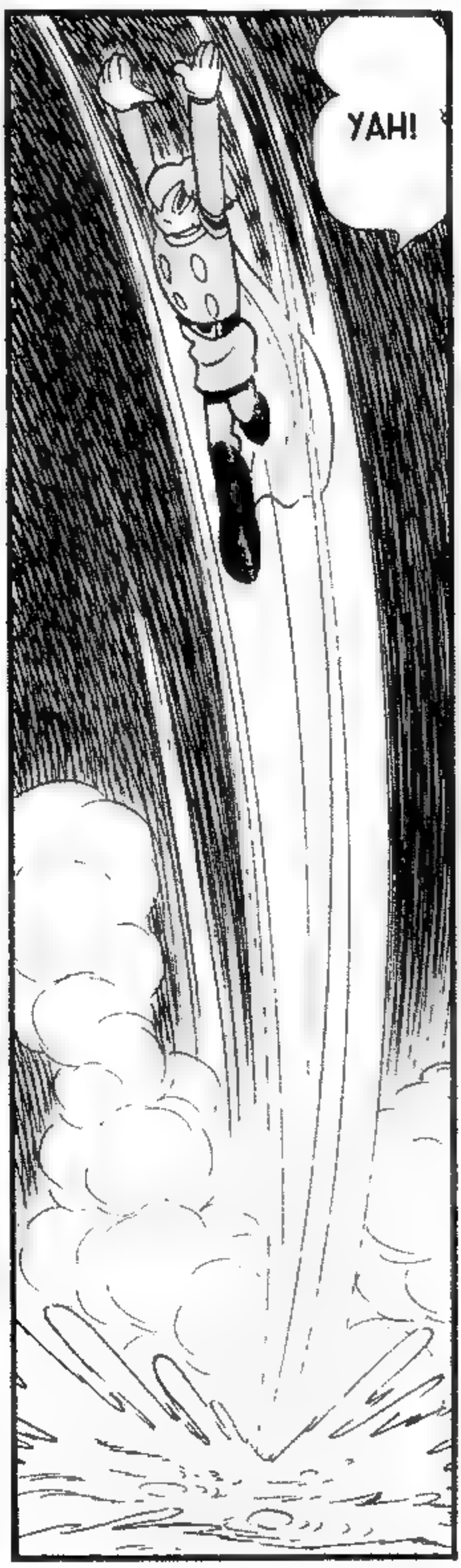
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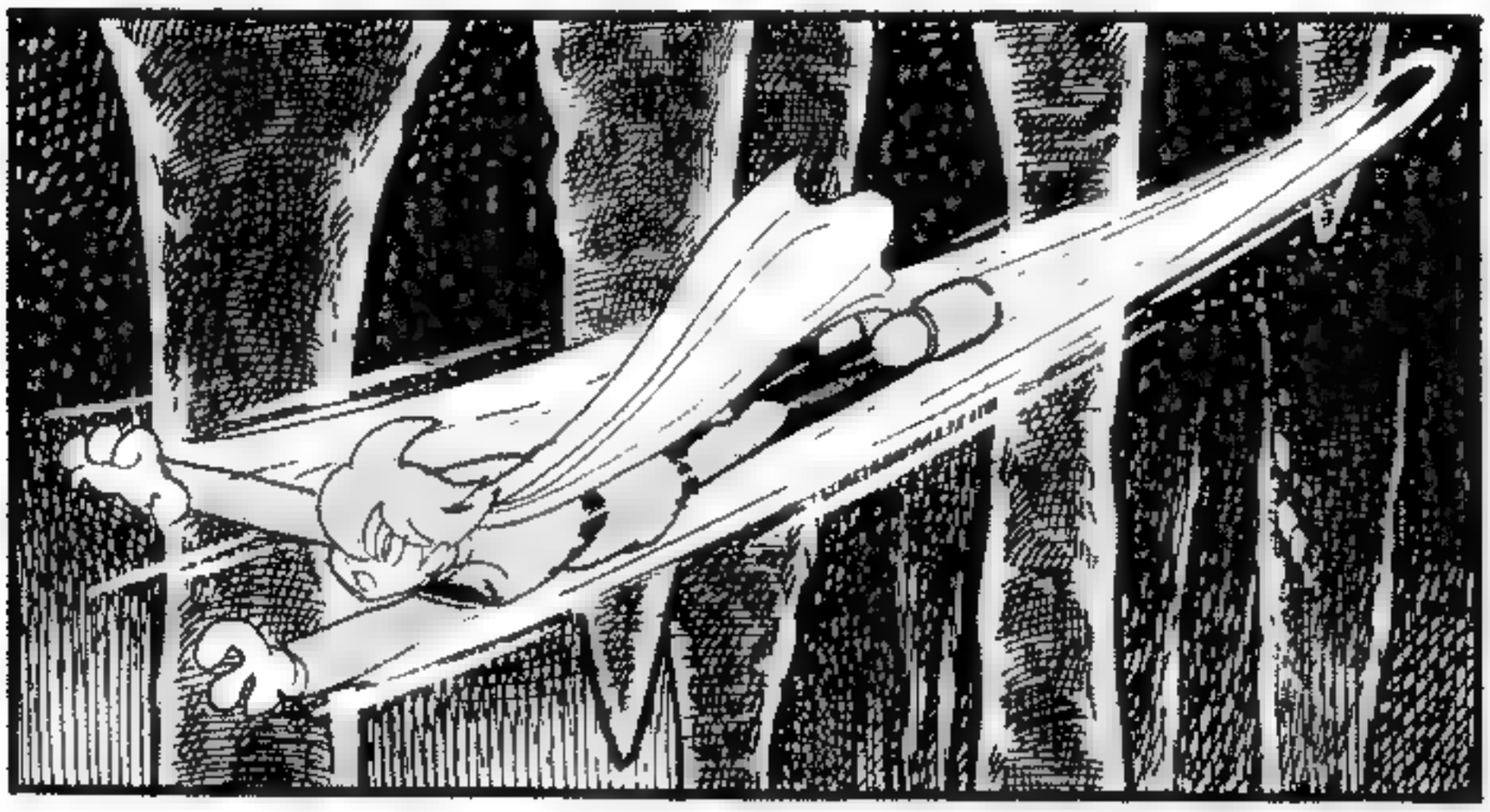

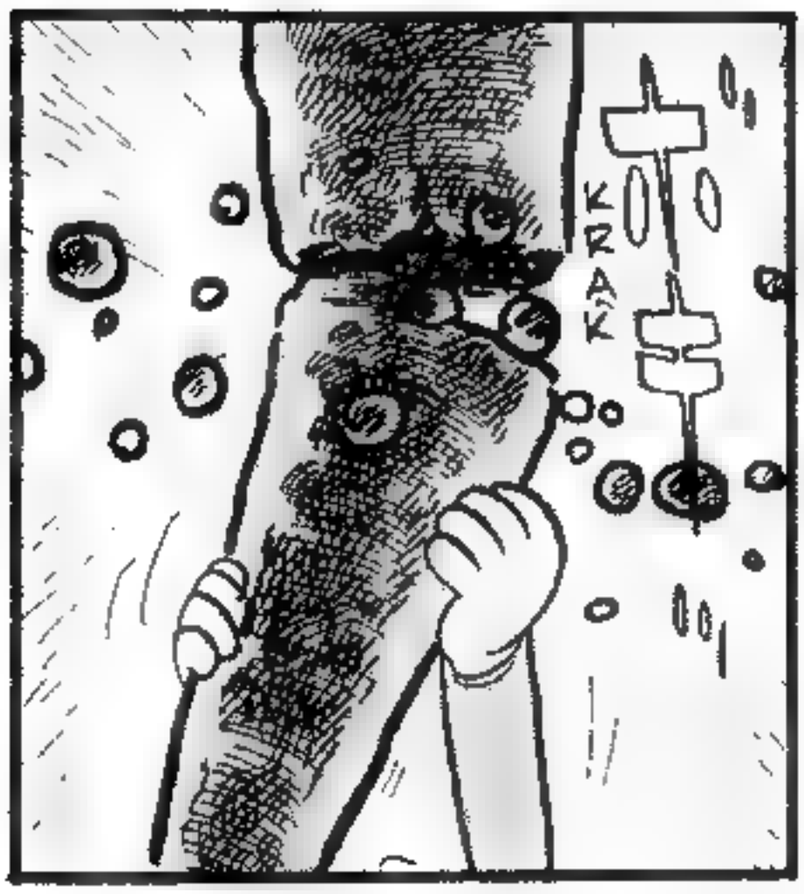
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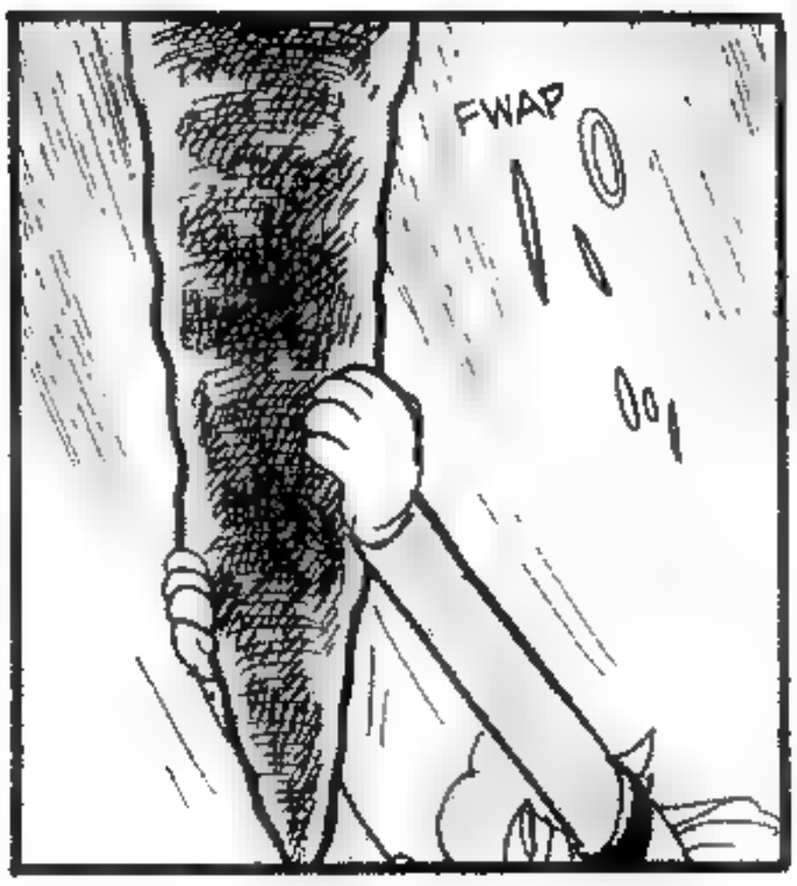
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TOK

HE WON'T MAKE IT!

WAH!

OUTTA THE WAY!

SQUEEE

BRRRRRRR

DO

DO

DO

HUH?

FLIP

OOF!

RRRRRR

FWOOOOO

DO

DO

DO

DO

DO

DO

LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER VEHICLE DRILLING IT'S WAY THROUGH! PROBABLY BLACK GHOST!

WHAT IS IT?

YIKES!

IT'S HEADED RIGHT FOR US!

WHIRRR

FWOOOOO

THUK

UH!

THUK

CLATTER

CLATTER

CLATTER

KYAAAA.

WHIRRR

DO

DO

DO

DO

FWOOOOO

HURRY!

DUCK IN HERE!

IT'S TURNING AROUND.

FWOOOOO

FFF

BRRRRR

WAAAH!

POK

FWUP

.....

...BUT THEY SPLIT INTO TWO GROUPS!

THIS IS EVEN BETTER THAN I EXPECTED! I THOUGHT THEY MIGHT FLEE TOGETHER...

BWA HA HA!

CHEEEF

DIANA, ALERT VENUS TO OUR PROGRESS!

BWA HA HA! THEY WON'T STAND A CHANCE!

WITH THEIR STRENGTH DIVIDED...

YES.

KKKKKKK

WHOMP

WHOMP

WHOMP

FWUP

HMM...

ALL RIGHT. LET'S GET UP THERE.

THEY'RE STILL ABOVE US.

WHERE ARE THE OTHERS?

WOW! CAN YOU BELIEVE 001 SLEPT THROUGH ALL THAT?

UHH.

ALL RIGHT.

CHFFFF

IT'S NO USE.

-CH-K

DASH

CHEFFF

.....

FWUP

OOF!

CHEFFF

OH!

THIS IS HELL.

SO...

AND WHEREVER I LAND, THE SAND GIVES WAY. WE MIGHT AS WELL BE TRYING TO CLIMB A WATERFALL.

...IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE STUCK DOWN HERE. THE HOLE IS TOO HIGH UP.

UNTIL I FIGURE SOME-THING OUT...

HUFF HUFF HUFF.

WHERE SHOULD WE START?

SINCE WE CAN'T CLIMB OUT OF HERE, I SUGGEST WE TRY TO FIGURE OUT ANOTHER EXIT.

TH-THAT BUG MONSTER WON'T COME OUT, WILL IT?

SHIVER

IT'S LIKE WE FELL INTO THE DEPTHS OF HELL.

UH, RIGHT.

IF WE CAN'T GET OUT OF HERE, IT'LL BE WORTHLESS.

WOO HOO! I'M RICH.

IT SHINES LIKE...

...GOLD DUST!

I DON'T THINK THIS IS SAND...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING 006?

HO HO HO.

WE REALLY SHOULD TRY TO STAY TOGETHER.

IS THERE ANY WAY TO GET OVER THERE FROM HERE?

WHAT?

I'M AFRAID THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.

DAMN! THE DRILL IS STILL UP THERE. IT'S LIKE HE'S WAITING FOR US.

AND I DIDN'T SEE 009 OR THE OTHERS ANYWHERE.

I THINK THEY FELL INTO THE OTHER HOLE.

THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GREAT IDEA! MAYBE WE SHOULD DO THE SAME.

THEY'RE WANDERING AROUND... LOOKING FOR AN EXIT.

CAN YOU TELL US WHAT THEY'RE DOING NOW?

ZOUNDS! I FORGOT. HELEN AND VENUS CAN COMMUNICATE TELEPATHICALLY.

DON'T WORRY. VENUS AND THE OTHERS ARE FINE.

ALTHOUGH I CAN READ HELEN'S MIND, SHE CANNOT READ MINE.

WE CAN'T.

WE CAN KEEP COMMUNICATING THROUGH THE SISTERS AND EVENTUALLY MEET UP WITH THE OTHERS.

I SWEAR... THIS IS MY FIRST TIME HERE.

AND YOU ALSO SEEM TO KNOW YOUR WAY AROUND QUITE WELL.

THAT'S QUITE A DEBILITY HELEN HAS, ISN'T IT?

OH, RE-ALLY?

I HAVE A BOND WITH HER MIND. THERE'S NOTHING SHE CAN HIDE FROM ME.

WE'VE GOT COMPANY.

SHH!

BUT I HAVE THIS STRANGE FAMILIARITY WITH THIS UNDERGROUND WORLD.

GREAT.

WE'RE SURROUNDED.

GEH GEH GEH

GYAA GYAA

GYAA

I FEEL LIKE WE'VE BEEN WALKING FOREVER!

YES.

HELEN? YOU ALL RIGHT?

OH HO HO.

NO REGULAR DESERT, MIND YOU... BUT A DESERT MADE OF GOLD!

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THE UNDERGROUND EMPIRE WOULD CONTAIN A VAST DESERT!

YOUR MEMORY WAS ERASED. THAT'S RIGHT.

I-I'M SORRY. I'VE HEARD ABOUT IT. RUMORS... BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER...

YOU SEEM WORRIED. WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS PLACE?

LOOK, 009!

HEY!

AH!

A ROCK WALL! SOME-THING WE CAN CLIMB!!

B-BUT IT'S A DEAD END.

THERE'S A CRACK UP THERE.

WOW, IT'S HUGE...

MAYBE IT'S A WAY OUT!

NO, LOOK OVER THERE!

HOLD ON!

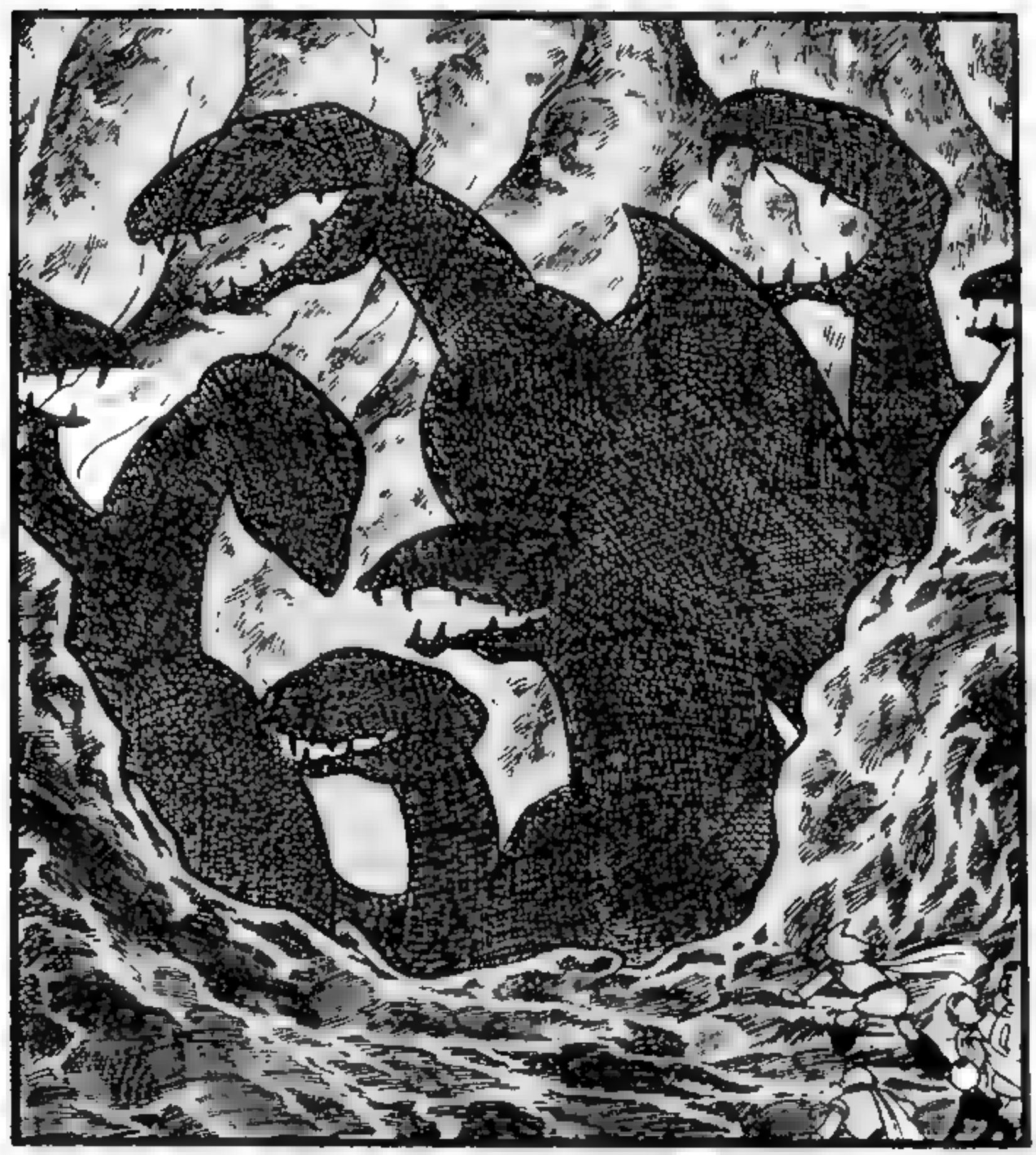
WE HAVE TO MAKE OUR WAY THROUGH IT!

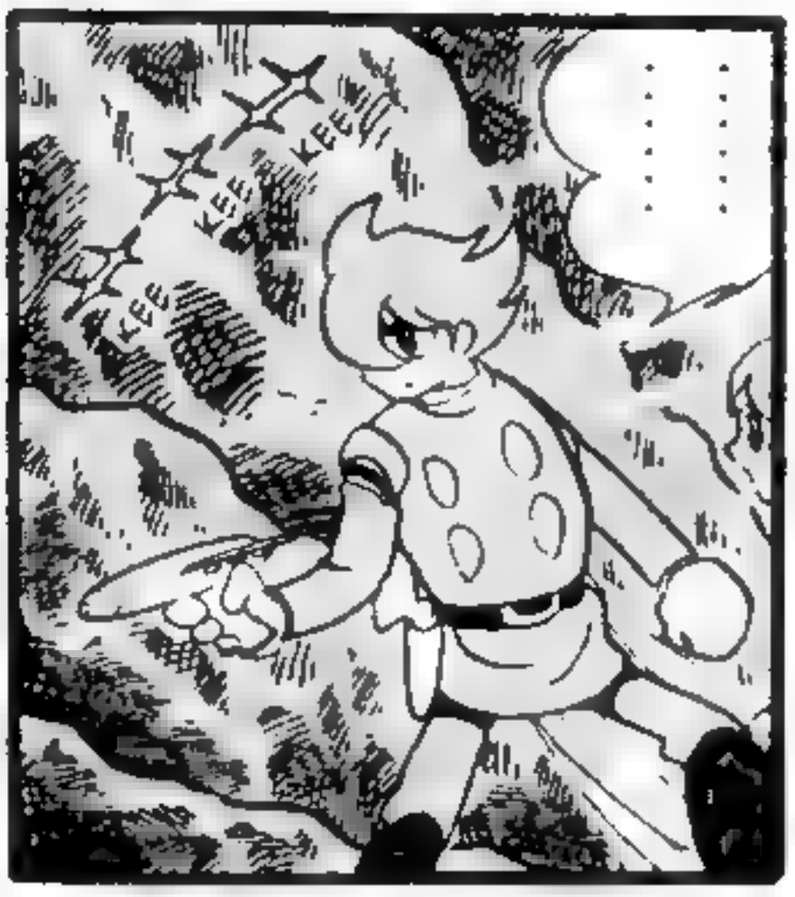
DON'T BE AFRAID. YOU KNOW I WOULDN'T LET ANYTHING HURT YOU.

I DON'T THINK SO. NOT THIS MANY. I'M SCARED, JOE!

AHH, WHO CARES? WE'VE FACED WORSE!

NO! WE CAN'T! THERE'S DANGER AHEAD. DRAGONS... DINOSAURS...





I-I JUST HAVE THIS FEELING THAT WE'RE IN GRAVE DANGER!

I-I'M SCARED.

WHAT'S WRONG, HELEN? WHY ARE YOU SHAKING?

HUH?

GYA

GEH GEH

BZZZZT

OH OH OH OH

BA BA BA BA BA

BZZZT

...MORE KEEP COMING!

DAMN! NO MATTER HOW MANY WE KILL...

GEGEGEH GEGEH

GYAGYA GYAGYA

KRAK

YEOW!

PERHAPS SOME OTHER TIME, DOCTOR!

I'D LOVE TO BE ABLE TO STUDY ONE OF THEM... LEARN MORE ABOUT THEM...

THEY'RE CALLED THE RUTAL TRIBE... SAVAGE, PRIMAL BEAST-MEN!

GET UNDER THOSE ROCKS.

THEY'VE CHANGED THEIR STRATEGY!

LIZ-ARD? NO PROß-LEM.

CAN YOU TURN INTO THE LIZARD THAT SPEAKS YOUR LANGUAGE?

YEP, WHY?

007, YOU CAN TRANSFORM, RIGHT?

THEY DON'T CARE IF WE SHOOT THEM OR NOT!

THE MOST DANGEROUS ENEMY IS THE ONE WITHOUT FEAR.

HOW DO I LOOK?

YES, PERFECT. AND HE HAS WINGS LIKE A BAT.

I THINK HE'S A LITTLE LARGER.

WHERE'S YOUR DIGNITY? YOUR TEAM NEEDS YOU!

ZOUNDS! ARE YOU KIDDING ME?! I'M NOT GOING DOWN THERE!!

GREAT! NOW, SHOW YOURSELF TO THE RUTAL TRIBE.

OHH OHH OHH OHH

YOU'RE THE BOSS...

ZARTAN!

GYA ... BOROBA ...

HE USED TO BE THE RULER OF THE UNDERGROUND EMPIRE.

THEY THINK YOU'RE ZARTAN.

LOOK AT 'EM GO!

A LITTLE AFRAID, ARE YA?

BLACK GHOST?

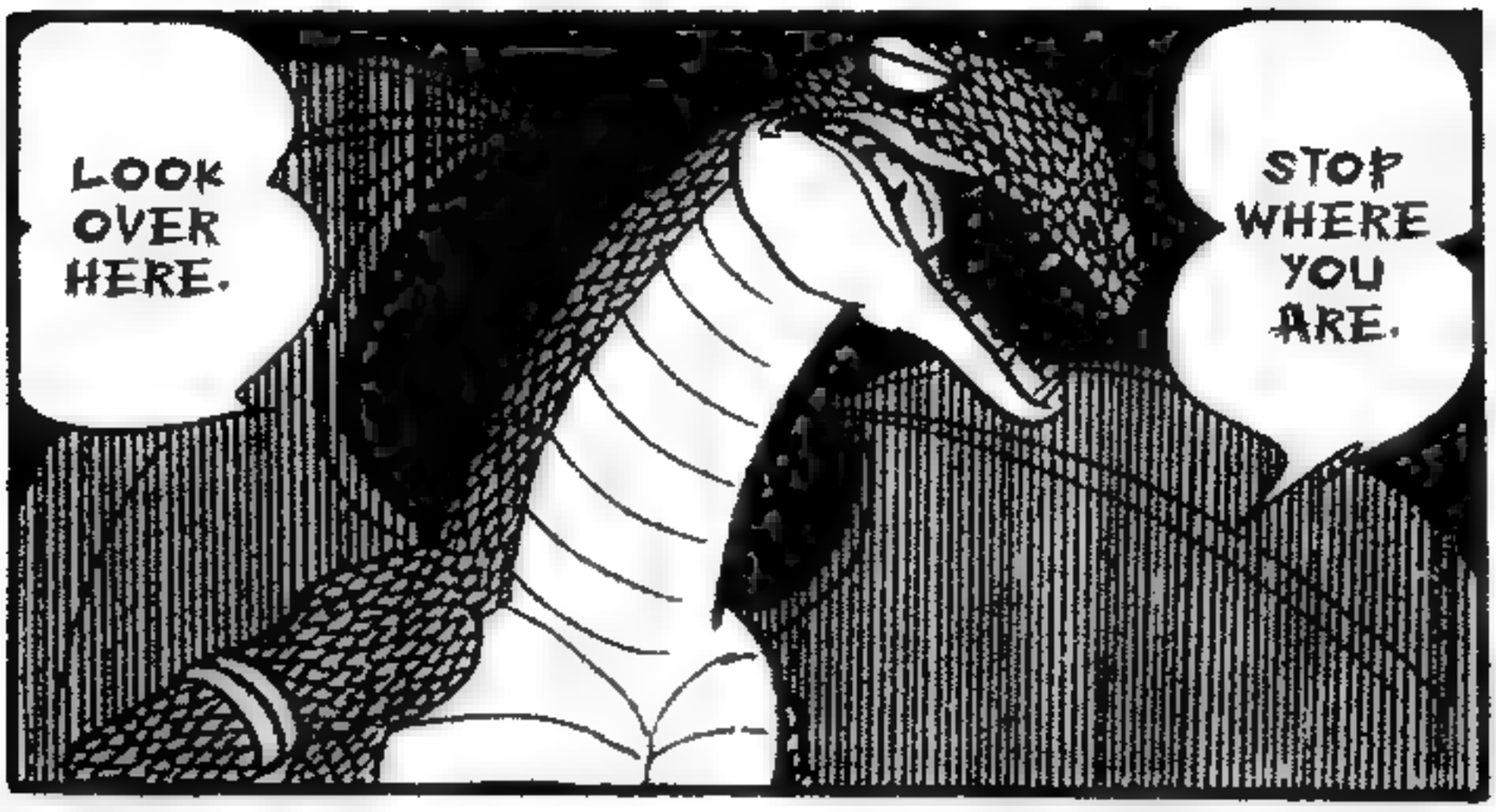
ABOUT A YEAR AGO, BLACK GHOST ARRIVED.

ARE THEY STILL AROUND?

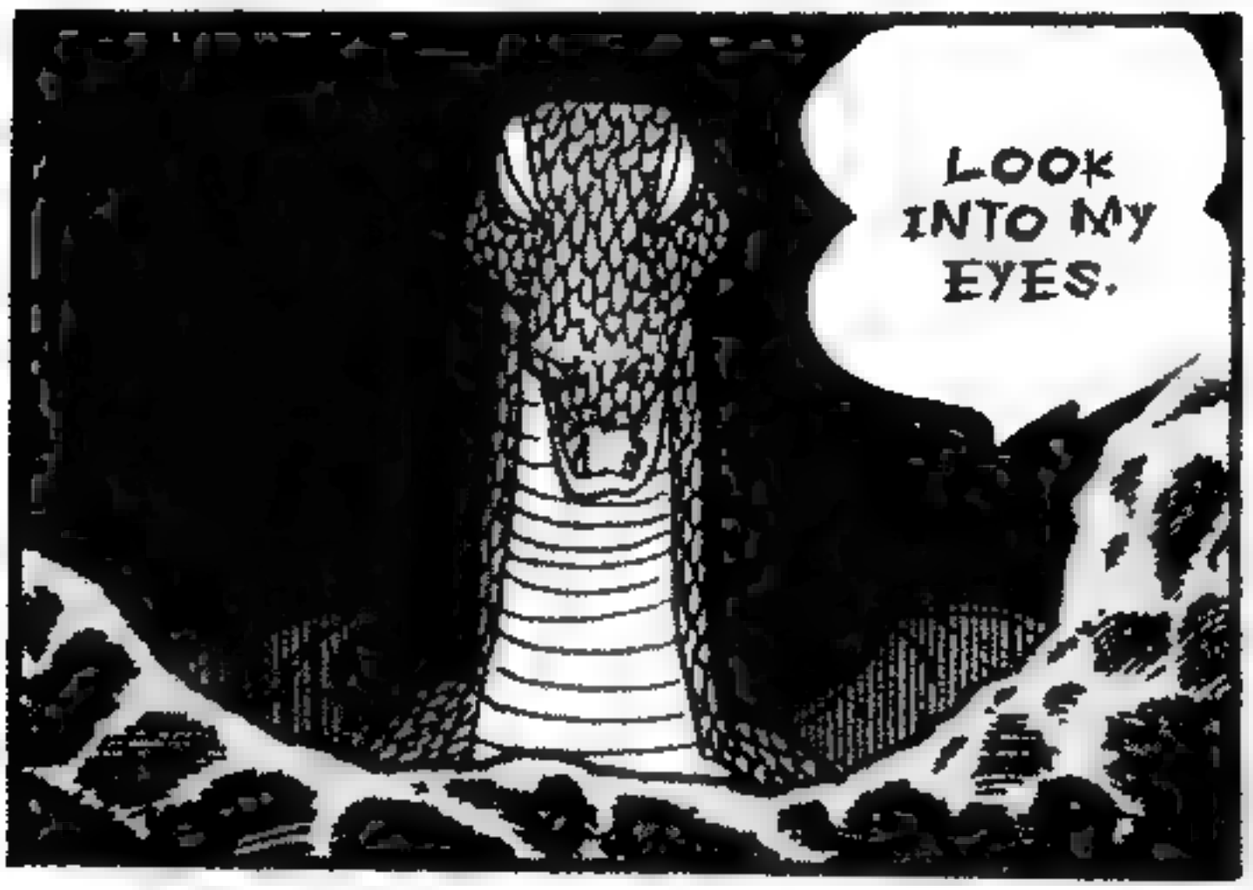
THE SPECIES OF GIANT LIZARDS HAD TERRIBLE, TERRIBLE POWER.

HEY!

WHO IS THAT OVER THERE?


LOOK OVER HERE.
STOP WHERE YOU ARE.

THEY SEE US! RUN!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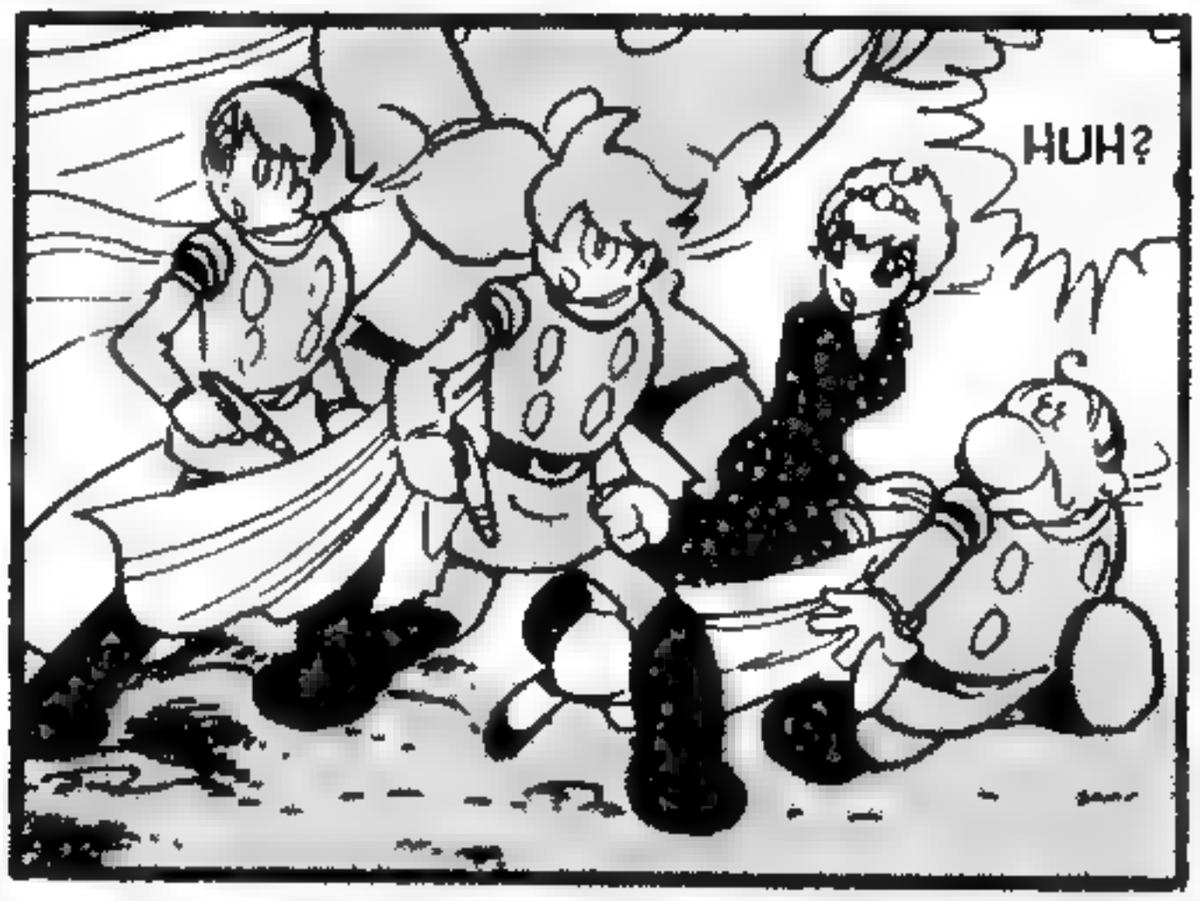
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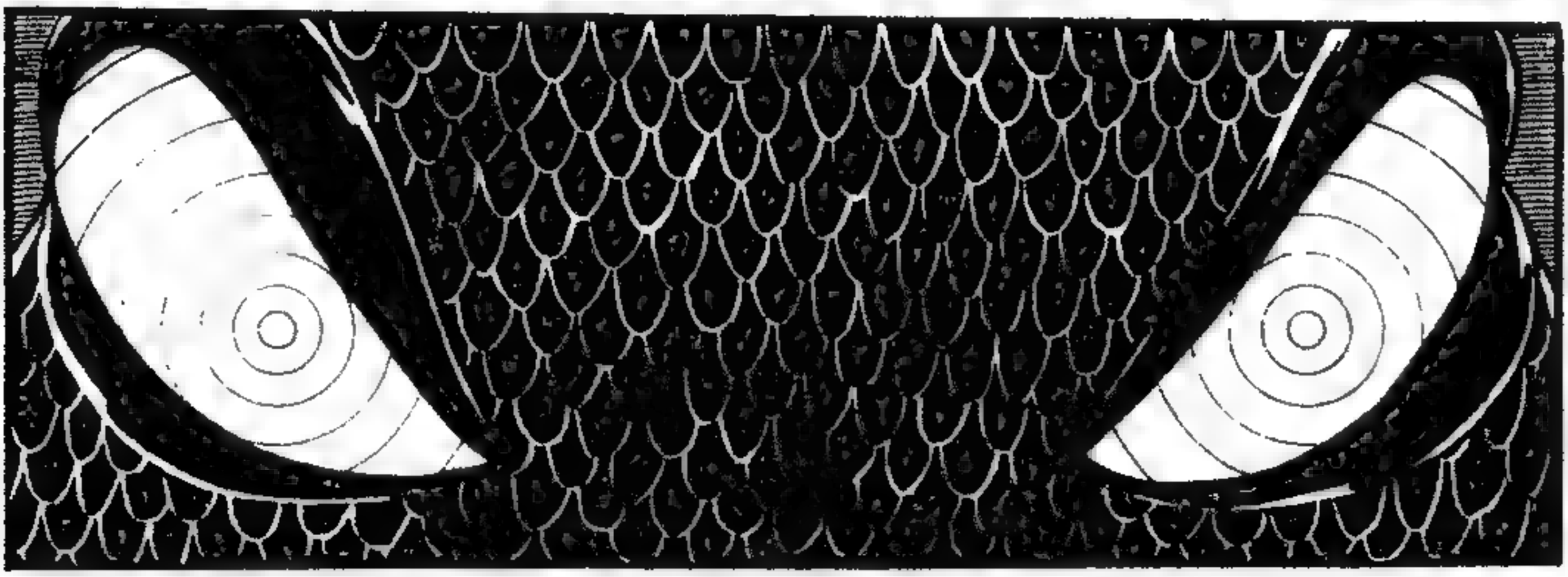

UH ...?

...ZARTAN GOVERNED THE UNDERGROUND EMPIRE.

UNTIL BLACK GHOST ARRIVED...

HMM, INTERES-TING.

ON THE SURFACE, HUMANS GOVERN THE LAND. DOWN HERE, IT'S THE LIZARDS.

HE RULED THIS SUBTERRANEAN LAND... INSTRUCTED ALL OF THE ANIMALS ON WHAT TO DO... THEIR PLACE IN SOCIETY...

IF THEY'RE SO BLASTED EVOLVED, WHY DO THEY STILL LOOK LIKE A BUNCH OF DUMB LIZARDS?

BUT DOWN HERE, THEY EVOLVED. MUCH LIKE HOW APES EVOLVED INTO HUMANS!

ABOVE GROUND, LIZARDS SUCH AS THIS BECAME EXTINCT...

REALLY?

ZARTAN HAS THE POWER TO CONTROL OUR WILL.

EASY, 007. I'M SURE THERE'S AN EXPLANATION.

COULDN'T THESE LIZARDS MAKE A STAND?

AND HOW DID BLACK GHOST TAKE CONTROL AWAY FROM THEM?

IF YOU CHANCE TO GAZE INTO IT, YOU WILL FOLD TO HIS WILL.

IT'S HIS EYE!

DOES IT USE A MACHINE? IS IT AN EVOLVED ABILITY?

IN WHAT WAY?

HU HU HU HU HU HU. GOOD. STEP FORWARD. SHOW YOURSELF.

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LET US GET A CLOSER LOOK AT YOU.

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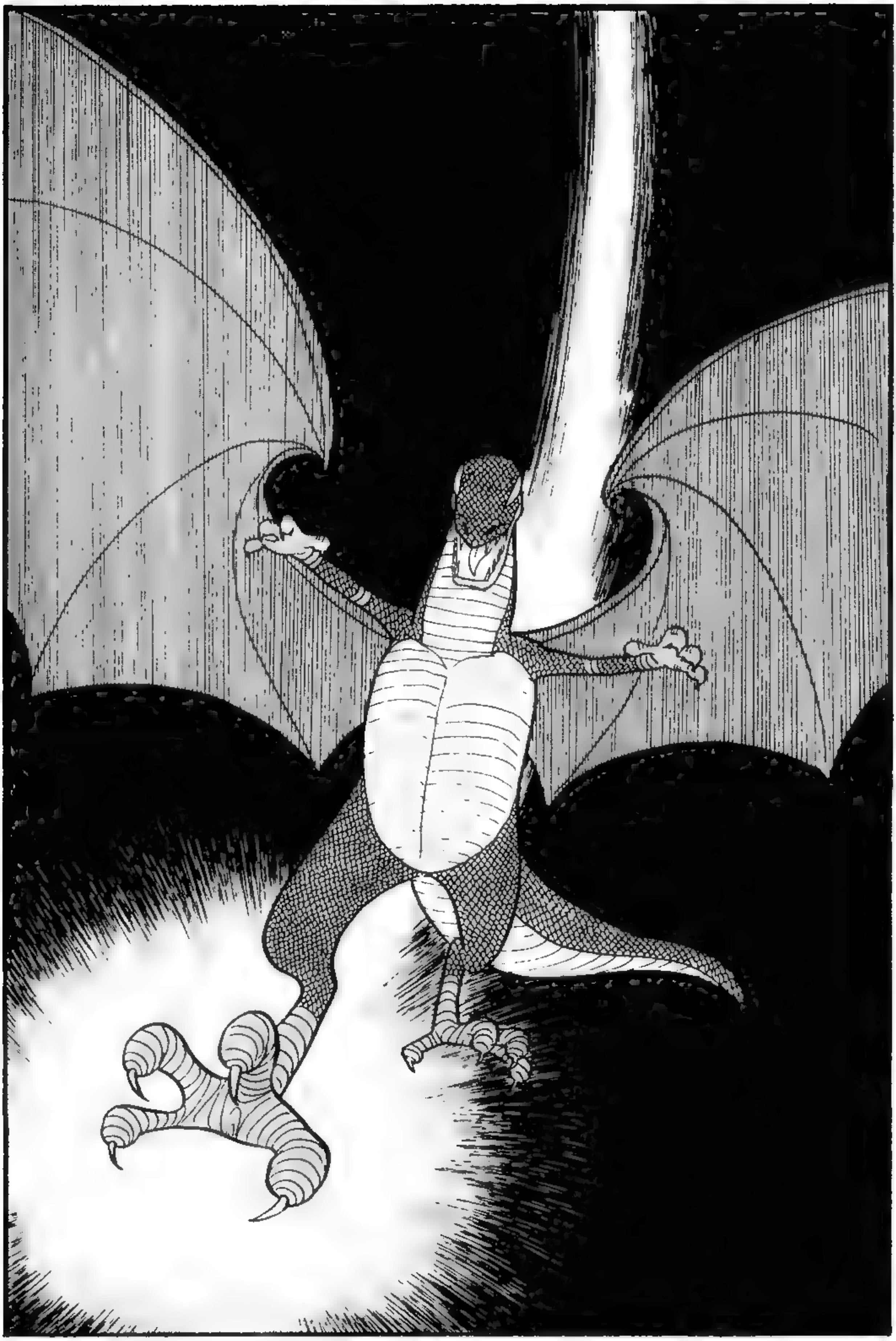

THEY ARRIVED IN ARMORED VEHICLES. WE WERE AFRAID AT FIRST...

YES...

I STILL WANT TO KNOW HOW BLACK GHOST MOVED IN.

THAT'S NOT MIND CONTROL. THAT'S NO MORE THAN A SIMPLE HYPNOTISM.

PLEASE! BLACK GHOST HAS BEEN GOOD TO US!!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S WORSE. LIVING UNDER A BUNCH OF SLIMY LIZARDS OR LIVING UNDER A GLOBAL TERRORIST ORGANIZATION!

HMPH! I BET THINGS WERE MUCH BETTER AFTERWARD!

...BUT THEN THEY DROVE ZARTAN AND HIS HENCHMEN AWAY. BLACK GHOST FREED US FROM THEIR EVIL HYPNOTIC SPELLS AND TYRANNY.

BLACK GHOST IS NOT OUR ENEMY! THEY ARE OUR GODS!

YOU'RE BEING DECEIVED BY THEM.

AND YOU'RE PERFECTLY HAPPY LIVING UNDER THEIR OPPRESSION?

FINALLY, OUR PEOPLE KNOW WHAT IT IS TO LIVE WITHOUT FEAR!

THEY SAVED US! THEY FREED US!

I UNDER-STAND.

SO THAT WE CAN EVENTUALLY LEAVE THE UNDER-GROUND EMPIRE.

WE'RE ABLE TO STAY HERE OR LEAVE OF OUR OWN FREE WILL. WE WORK FOR OURSELVES. AND THEY LEND US THE TECHNOLOGY TO BETTER OUR WORLD...

THE BLACK GHOST... GODS?!

THAT'S A LAUGH!

WE DON'T WANT TO LIVE IN A WORLD TORN APART BY WAR AND MURDER!

THAT'S FINE. BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT BLACK GHOST HAS TAUGHT YOU NOT TO CARE MUCH ABOUT THE SURFACE WORLD... THE HOME OF YOUR FELLOW HUMANS!

I... I... YES! YES, IT IS!

IS YOUR LIFE ANY BETTER NOW THAN IT WAS UNDER ZARTAN?

JUST BECAUSE ONE DICTATOR CAME IN AND OVERTHREW ANOTHER DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE FREE!

WE'RE ALL THE SAME! WE ALL WANT THE SAME THINGS IN LIFE! WHY CAN'T WE BE TREATED AS EQUALS?

OOOHH... YOU'RE RIGHT...

.....

WE'RE JEALOUS THAT YOU SURFACE DWELLERS ARE GIVEN SO MUCH, YET YOU CHOOSE ONLY TO SPILL YOUR BLOOD ALL OVER IT!

WE WANT TO FEEL THE GRASS BETWEEN OUR TOES, THE SUNSHINE ON OUR FACES...

WHY CAN'T YOU APPRECIATE THE BEAUTY OF THE WORLD AROUND YOU?

YOU FIGHT OVER HOLY LANDS OR LAY CLAIM TO PLACES JUST BECAUSE THEY RUN RICH WITH RESOURCES...

YET YOU TAKE IT ALL FOR GRANTED! EVERY DAY, YOU WAGE YOUR WARS...

WHY SHOULDN'T WE BE JEALOUS? YOU SURFACE DWELLERS HAVE IT ALL!

DO YOU MEAN--?!

GEH!

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ZARTAN AND HIS TRIBE WOULD USE US AS FOOD.

AT LEAST UNDER BLACK GHOST RULE, WE STAY ALIVE!

YOU'VE NEVER HAD TO LIVE A LIFE IN DARKNESS, BURIED DEEP BENEATH THE SURFACE.

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I HAD NO IDEA.

VENUS... I'M SO SORRY.

LISTEN TO HIM! BLACK GHOST MAY NOT BE FEEDING ON YOU OR YOUR SISTERS, BUT THEY STILL FEED ON US... BY CAUSING WAR AND WIDE-SCALE SLAUGHTER.

QUIET! I DON'T WANT TO HEAR YOUR LIES!

BUT I SWEAR TO YOU, BLACK GHOST IS NO BETTER THAN ZARTAN. RIGHT NOW IT MAY SEEM THAT WAY...

WHAT YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE HAVE GONE THROUGH IS TERRIBLE...

IF ZARTAN WERE DESTROYED ONCE AND FOR ALL...

YOU MAY NOT BELIEVE US NOW, BUT YOU'LL COME TO LEARN THIS IN TIME.

THEY'RE DOWN HERE, WAITING. WAITING FOR BLACK GHOST TO LEAVE. WAITING FOR THEIR CHANCE TO STRIKE AGAIN!

HE'S DOWN HERE... SOMEWHERE... WITH HIS ENTIRE ARMY.

BUT HE IS NOT DESTROYED. HE IS LURKING IN THESE CAVERNS.

...YOU'D HAVE NOTHING AT ALL TO FEAR DOWN HERE. IS THAT RIGHT?

HELEN!

AH...

I DON'T WANT TO BE EATEN.

BLIMEY! DOWN HERE?! I THOUGHT BLACK GHOST DISPOSED OF 'EM!

DON'T KILL THEM.

WAIT!

THEY ARE OUR HATED ENEMY!

WHY NOT?

FLAP

FLAP

FLAP

FLAP

WE CAN USE THEM AS TOOLS TO DESTROY THE OTHERS.

THEY'RE OF MORE USE TO US ALIVE.

HU HU HU. THAT WILL COME IN TIME.

BUT HOW?

REALLY?

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ZZZ

CAN YOU SEE HELEN?!

IS IT THEM?

SHE'S HAVING SOME SORT OF PSYCHIC SEIZURE!

WHAT'S WRONG?

KYAA!

CAN YA RING HER BACK?

DAMN!

THEN EVERYTHING WENT BLANK. IT WAS ALMOST LIKE HER MIND HAD VANISHED!

SHE WAS SINKING INTO A HYPNOTIC TRANCE... AND THEN...

AND THEN WE'LL TURN OUR ATTENTION TO FINDING THEM!

LET'S KEEP MOVING FORWARD! WE HAVE TO FIND A WAY OUT!

IF THEY'VE CAPTURED YOUR SISTER, THAT MUST MEAN THEY HAVE *009* AND THE OTHERS AS WELL!

WE CAN'T DO ANY-THING.

WE HAVE TO HURRY!

IT SOUNDS LIKE WATER.

.....

HOLD ON! WHAT WAS THAT?

WHOA!

A LIGHT!

AND WAVES!

DA DA DA

IT'S THE SEA!

THE EDGE OF THE UNDERGROUND WORLD.

SHH.

A SEA? DOWN HERE?

WE MUST BE THOUSANDS OF MILES UNDER THE SURFACE!

IS THERE ANY WAY WE COULD HAVE RETURNED TO THE SURFACE?

SPLASH

SOMETHING IS COMING OUT OF THE WATER.

HIDE.

SPLISH

ROBOTS!

SPLISH

SPLISH

SPLISH

BLACK GHOST HAS BEEN USING ROBOTS TO FIND ZARTAN. THEY CAN'T BE HYPNOTIZED.

Wah,ha ha. It's the famous zero zero cyborgs! Glad you could join us.

CLANK

I'LL TAKE A ROBOT OVER A HYPNOTIC LIZARD ANY DAY.

NOT TODAY!

Prepare yourself for annihila-tion!

ZOUNDS!

CLANK CLANK CLANK CLANK CLANK CLANK

You have no choice.

You're sur-rounded.

VENUS!

DROP YOUR WEAPONS NOW!

YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY WIN!

WEEEEEN

WEEEEEN

DAMN!

MAYBE IF YOU'D BEEN LISTENING TO ME RATHER THAN TRYING TO CONVERT ME, YOU WOULD HAVE FIGURED THAT OUT!

IT'S NO GREAT SECRET THAT MY LOYALTY LIES WITH BLACK GHOST!

I KNEW IT.

CLANK-CLANK-CLANK

D-DAMN.

I WAS TRANSMITTING YOUR POSITION THE ENTIRE TIME.

CLANK-CLANK-CLANK

SPLISH

SPLISH

SPLISH

WEEEN

WEEE

CLATTER

. . . . . .

...PUT YOUR HANDS IN THE AIR!

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE...

Surren- der now.

Cyborgs...

He will decide your fate.

Excellent. You'll accompany us to the Generalissimo.

Wise decision.

. . . . . .

...we will be less merciful.

But if you try to run...

He will not be merciful.

DO DO DO DO DO

FSSSSSS

Here comes your transport.

DO DO DO DO DO

DASH

HEH!

BANG!

MY ARM IS A GUN...

...AND I WILL NOT HESITATE TO KILL HER!

NOW, UNHAND MY TEAMMATES!

...was in thinking that her life was of any value to us!

Fool! Your first mistake...

CLANK

UNH!

FOOOOSH

BADOOOOOM!

BEE BEE BEE BEE BEE

ROARRRR

BG

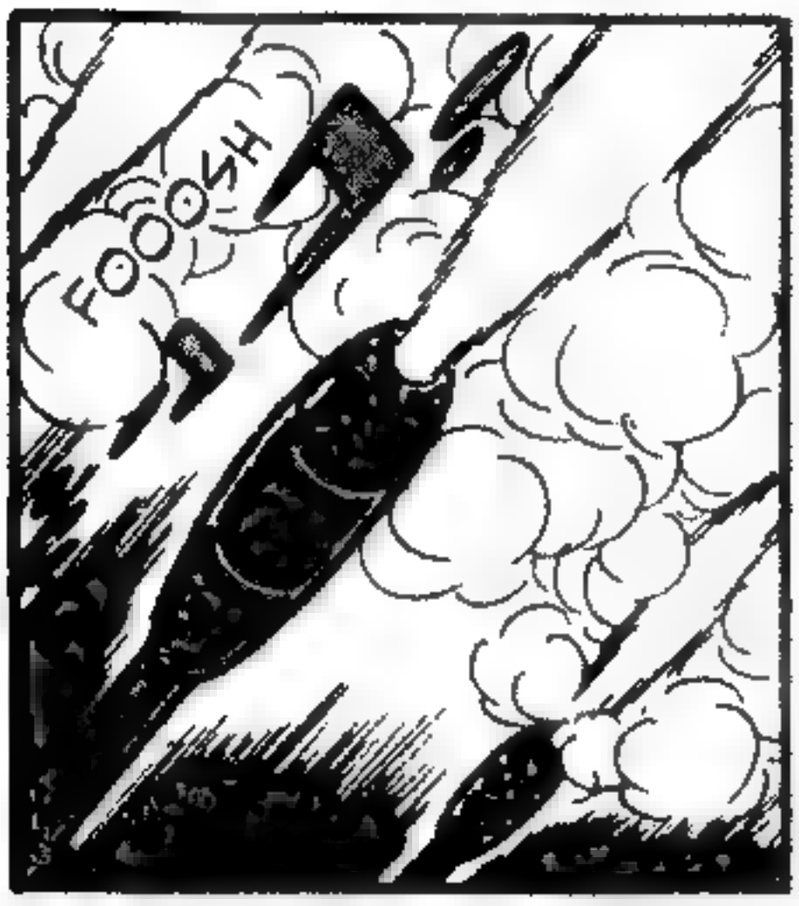
KA-BOOOOOM

F-WOOOOM

F-WOOOOM

F-WOOOOM

004!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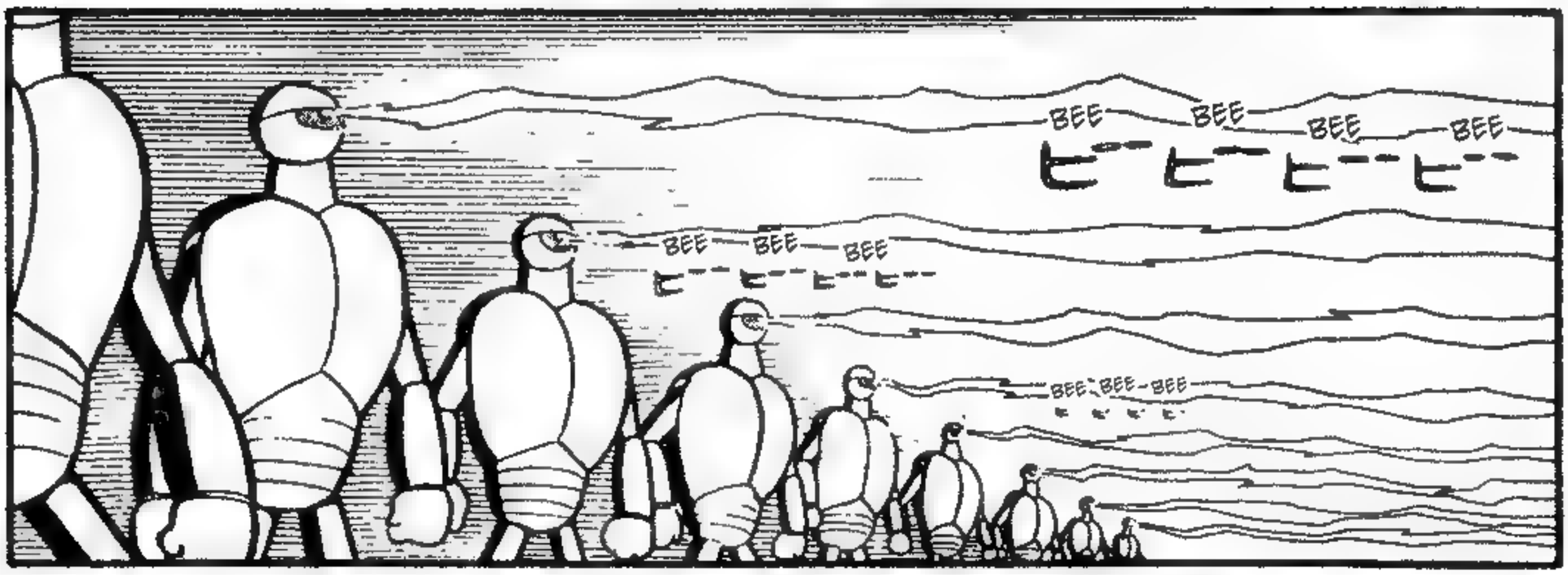
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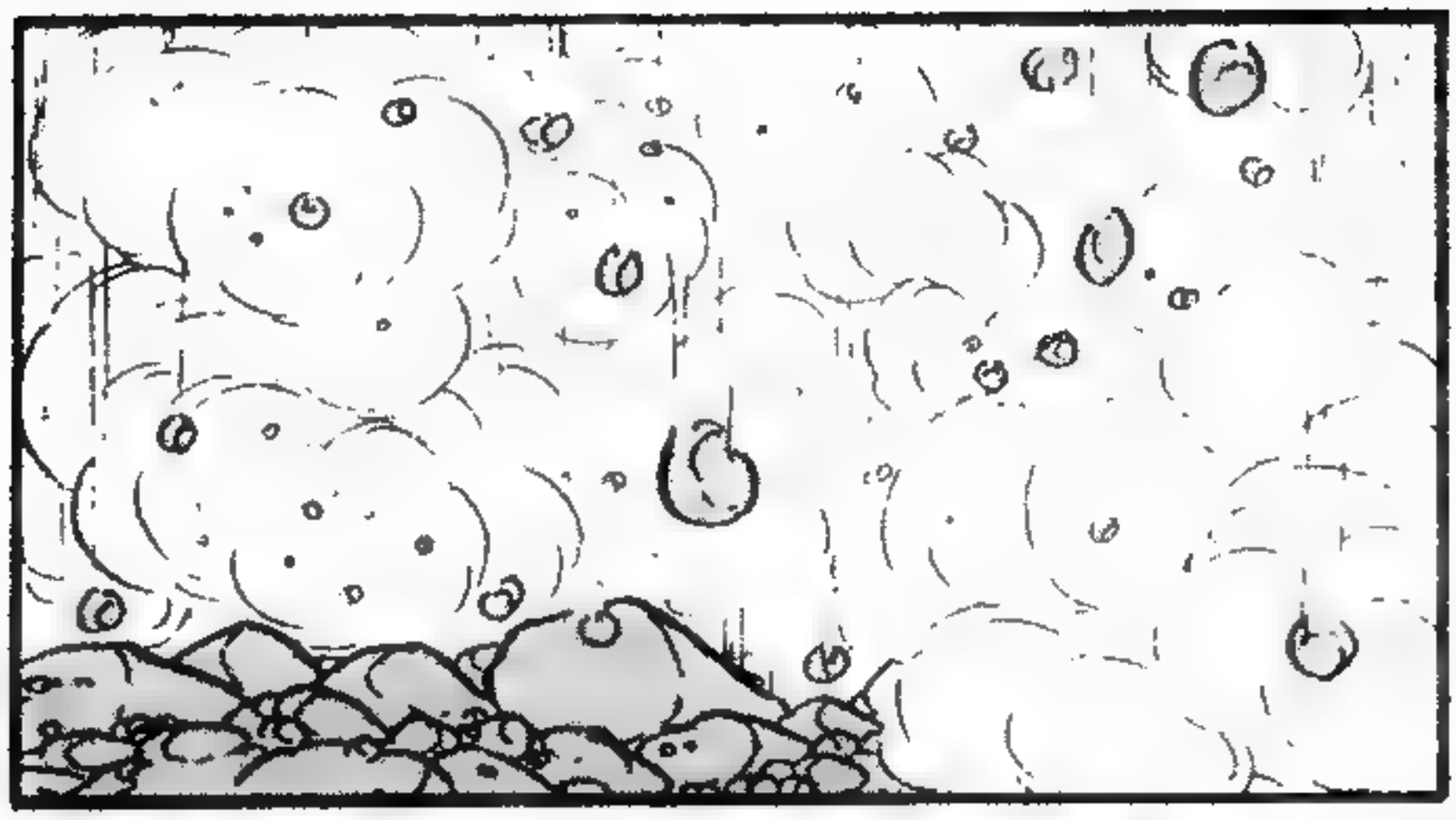
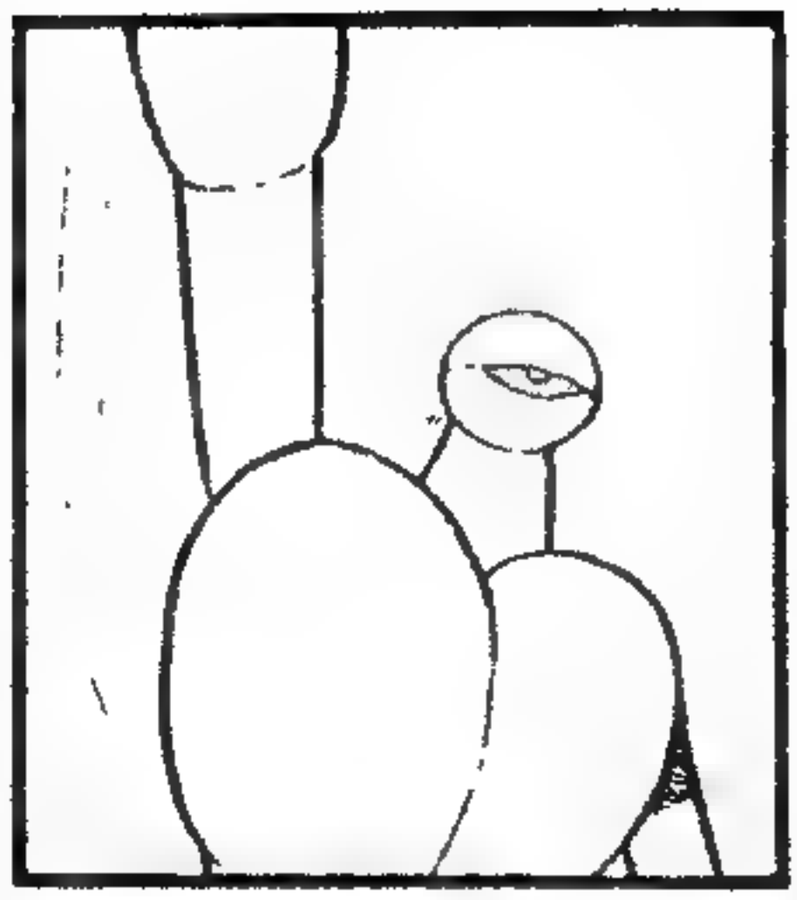
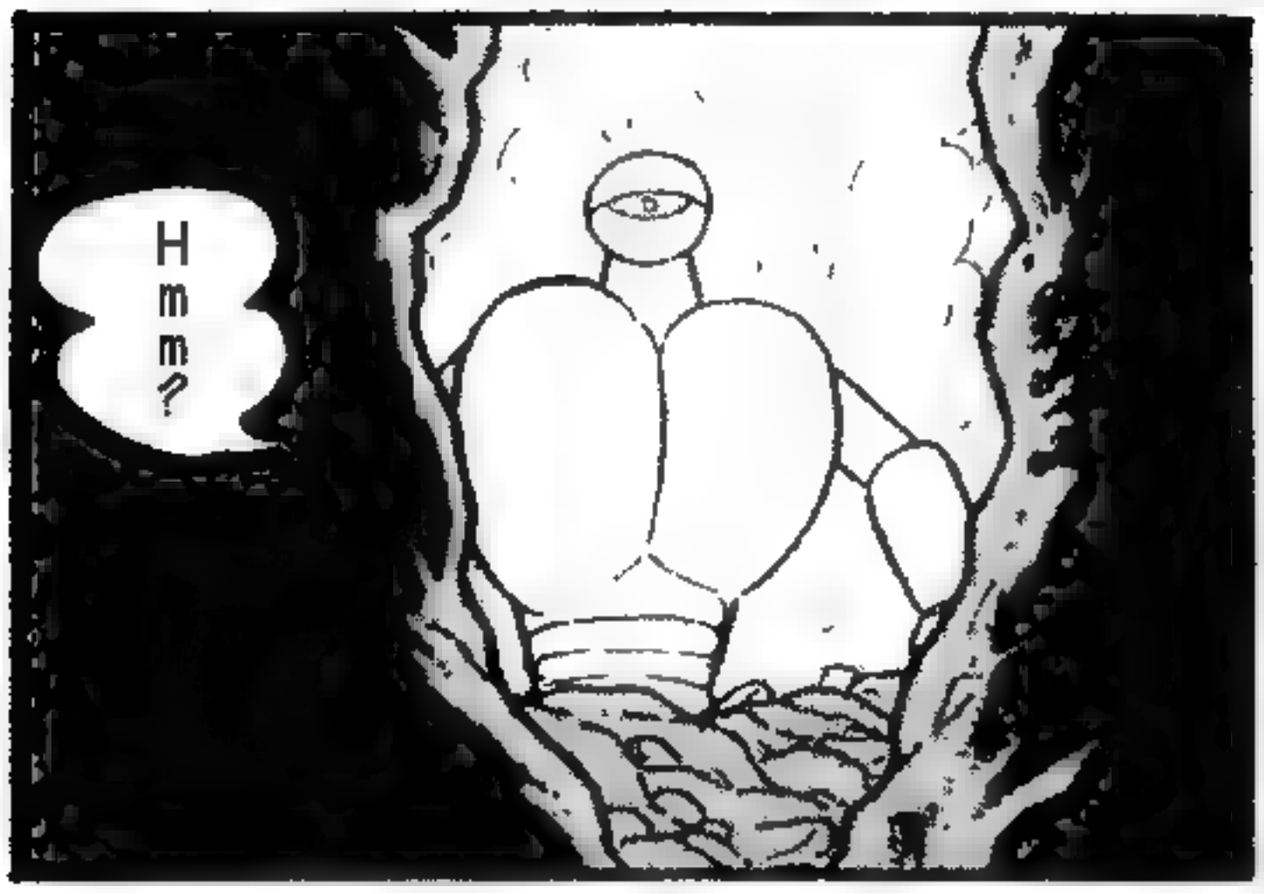
ROARRRR
BAWHOOOOM



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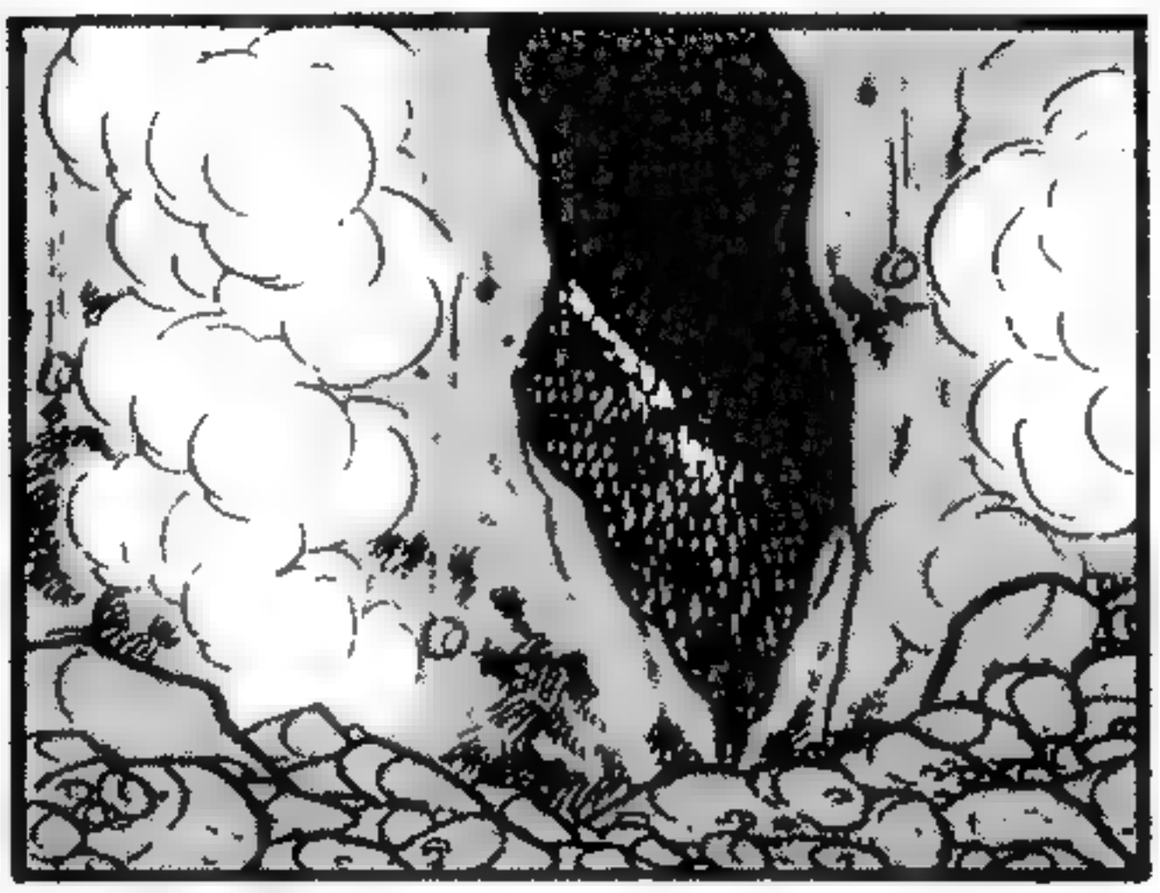

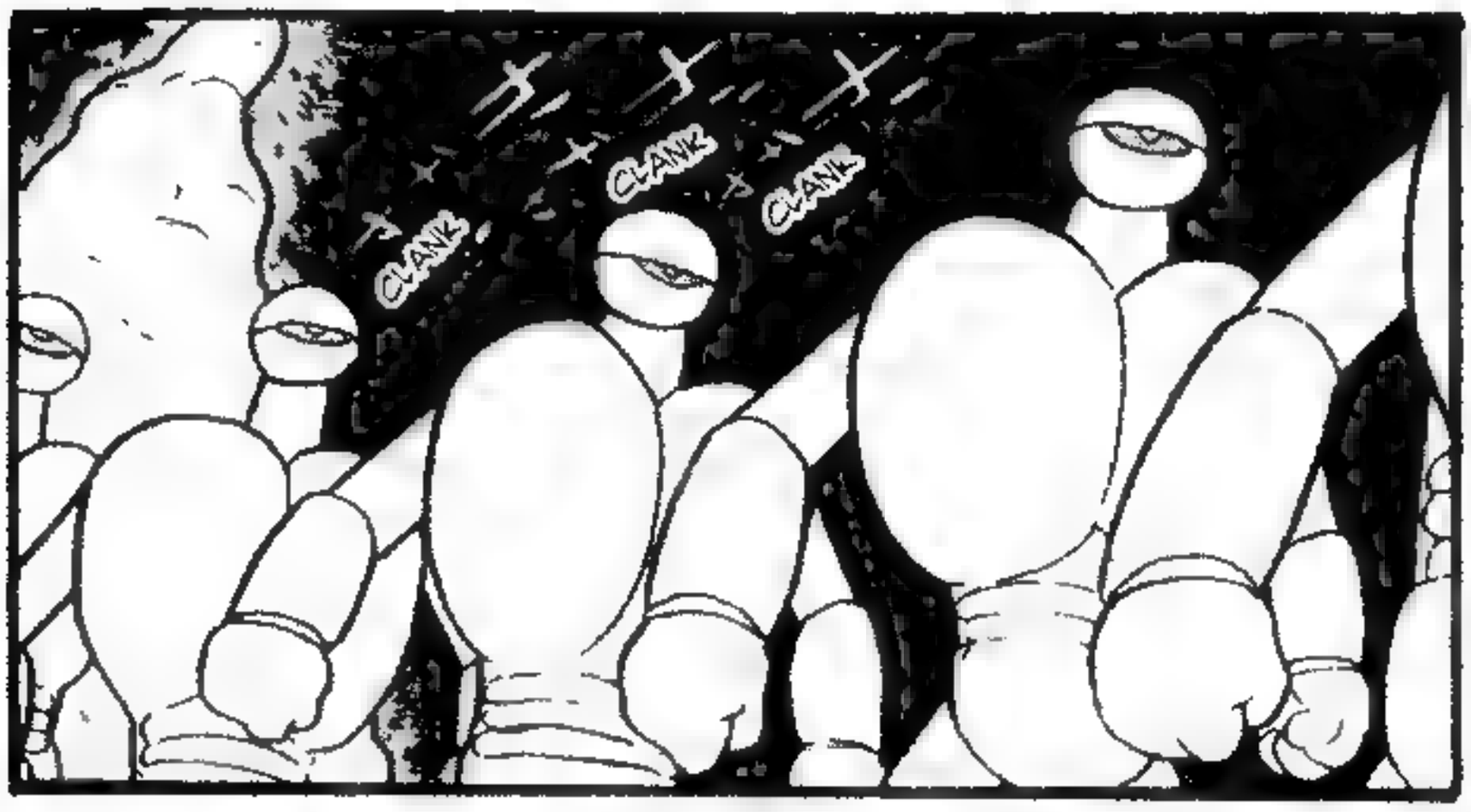
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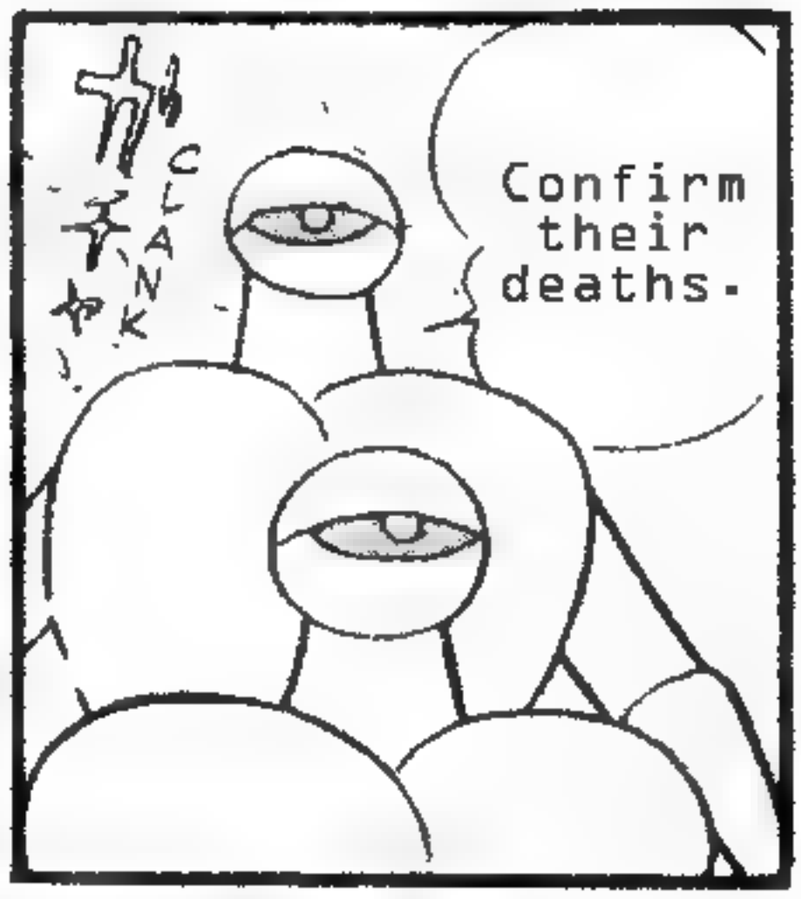
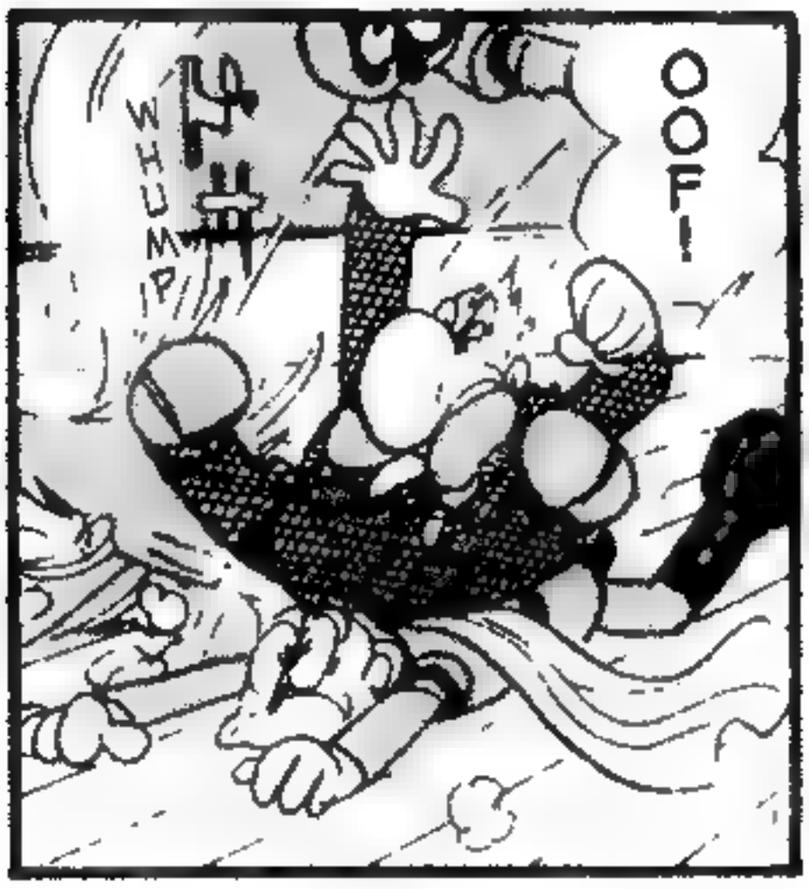

CLANK
Confirm their deaths.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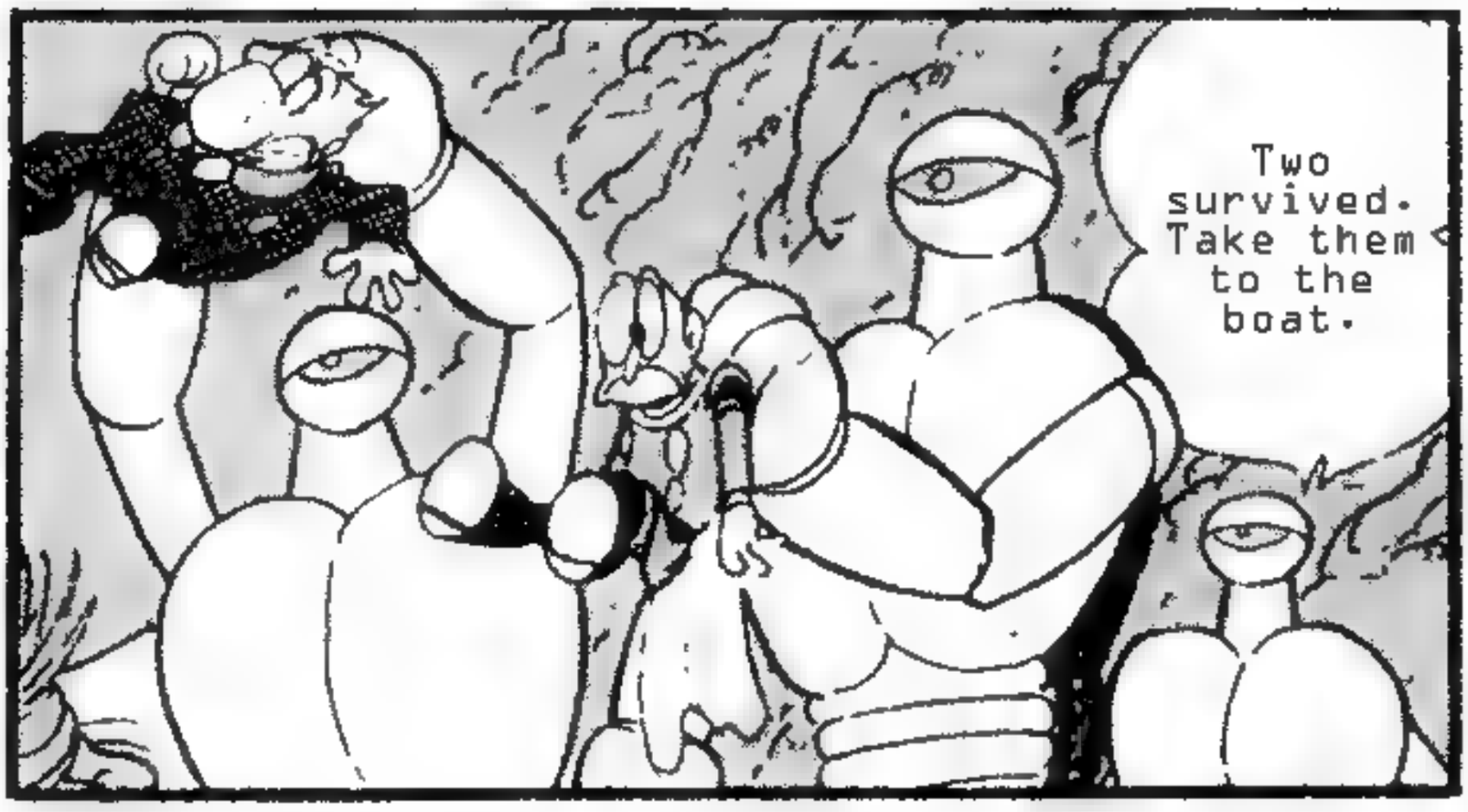
OOF!


Two survived. Take them to the boat.

SPLOOSH SPLOOSH SPLOOSH SPLOOSH

HUH...?

SPLASH

DO DO DO DO DO DO

SPLOOSH SPLOOSH

HMM...

DO DO DO DO DO

FWOOOSH

IT'S AN ISLAND!!

BLACK GHOST CARES NOTHING ABOUT YOU.

DON'T YOU SEE NOW?

CLANK CLANK CLANK

THOSE ROBOTS AREN'T FAR BEHIND US!

WHAT?

THAT WAS YOUR CHANCE! YOU SHOULD HAVE TAKEN CARE OF THEM!

I WAS MERELY BLUFFING. YOU GUYS ARE SO DUMB, YOU BOUGHT IT JUST LIKE BLACK GHOST DID!

I WAS NEVER GOING TO HURT THE DOCTOR!

I ALREADY KNEW THAT.

DIANA? WHO THE HELL IS DIANA?

I THOUGHT I COULD SLIP AWAY WITH YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS. THEN THEY FOUND US! I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO.

I KNEW BLACK GHOST DIDN'T VALUE OUR LIVES. MY SISTER DIANA TOLD ME THAT WE WERE JUST AS DISPOSABLE TO BLACK GHOST AS WE WERE TO ZARTAN.

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

STOP TRYING TO EXPLAIN THINGS!

IT WAS HIS WAY OF INCREASING THE FOOD SUPPLY... FOOD FOR HIM AND OTHERS OF HIS KIND.

YEARS AGO, ZARTAN MANIPULATED THE FEMALE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM TO BEAR AS MANY AS SEVEN CHILDREN AT A TIME.

MY SISTER. THERE ARE FOUR OF US!

I JUST WANT TO GET OUT OF HERE WITH MY SISTERS.

VENUS...

I... I'M SORRY!

HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE ANYTHING YOU SAY?

HUH?

OOOH...

PLEASE...

.....

AZZZ

IT'S HELEN!

LOOK! IT'S 009!

IT'S ME, 004!

WAAH!

THEY SEEM ALMOST HUMAN.

HMMM, QUITE STRANGE.

Keep moving!

HMMM... PERHAPS HELEN AND HER SISTER AREN'T JUST TWINS.

LOOK OVER THERE! OCTU-PLETS!!

THEY'RE TOO INTELLIGENT TO BE ANDROIDS. MAYBE IT'S SOME SORT OF UNDER-GROUND EMPIRE TECHNOLOGY.

WHAT ARE THEY, DOC? ANDROIDS? CLONES?

HAH HAH HAH!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?! THE BLACK GHOST...?!

The Genera-lissimo awaits.

It's been a long time, gentlemen!

WHAT?

ENZEN

ENZEN

EH?

ZAP

BZ-Z-Z-ZT

OKAY, GUYS! GET OUTTA HERE!

BADOOOM

BEE

BEE

BEE

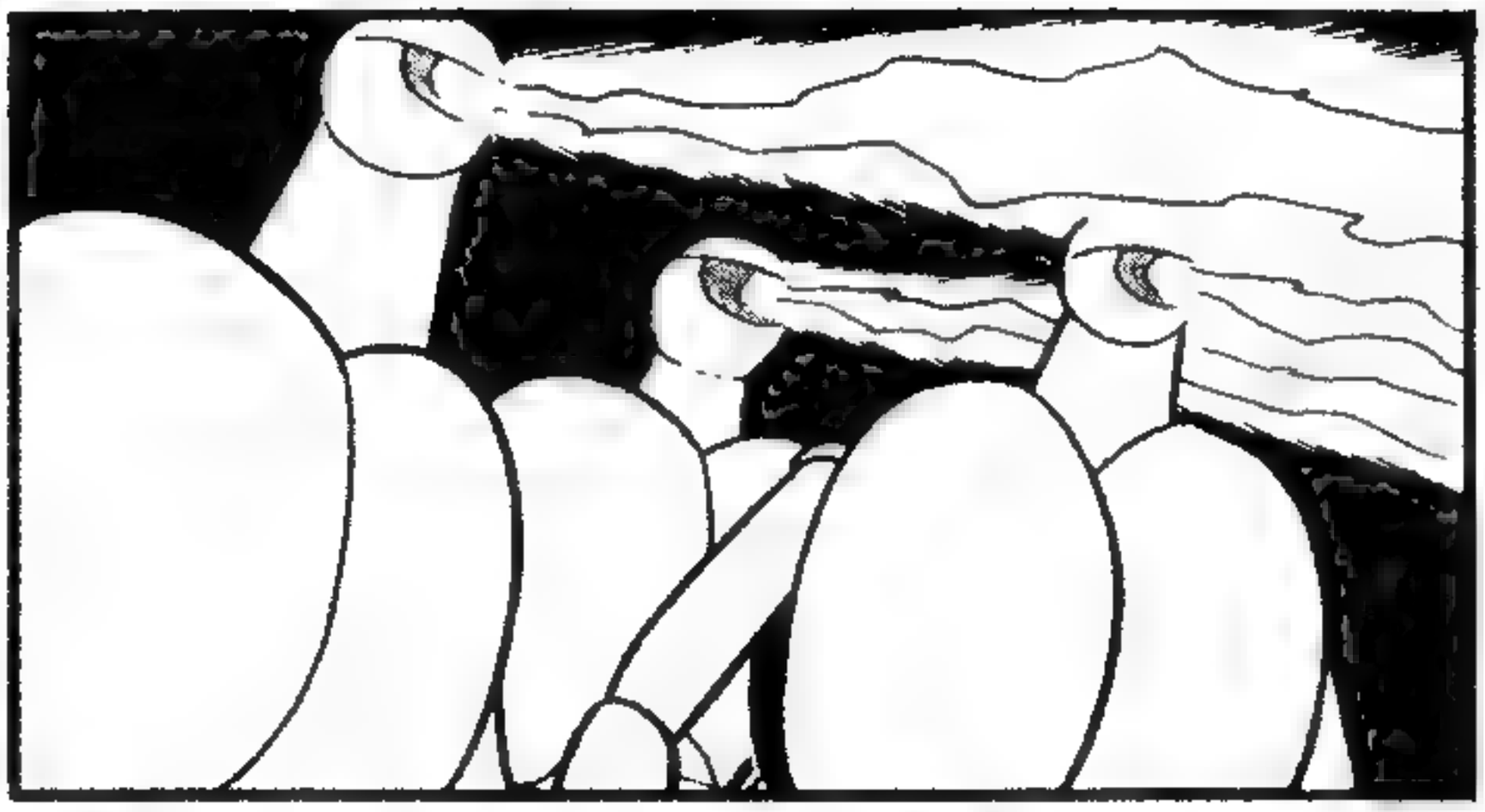
BEE

BEE

BZZT

BEEE

BEE
BEE
BEE



WHEW

CRUNCH

CRUNCH

CRUNCH

IT'S ZAR-TAN...

YOU SEE 009 OR THE OTHERS OUT THERE?

. . . .

HMM...

HMM.

DAMN SHAME. ZARTAN HOLDS NO REGARD FOR HUMAN LIFE... MUCH LESS A CYBORG'S EXISTENCE...

ZARTAN'S PUT THEM ALL UNDER HIS SPELL!

...WHICH DOESN'T PROTECT ANYTHING IMPORTANT, OTHER THAN A WEAPONS ARSENAL!

NOTHING VITAL DOWN HERE. BESIDES BULLET-PROOF CLOTHING, I HAVE PROSTHETIC SKIN...

DON'T WORRY. THEY JUST GRAZED ME.

I'M SORRY, 004. LET ME SEE YOUR WOUND.

. . . .

I WISH I COULD SAY THAT THERE WAS A REAL HUMAN BEING UNDER ALL THIS... BUT I CAN'T.

THIS WAY.

THAT WON'T WORK.

ONLY ZARTAN CAN GIVE ORDERS.

OUR ONLY HOPE OF FINDING THE DOCTOR'S GROUP IS IF *009* IS STILL UNDER ZARTAN'S HYPNOTIC SPELL.

TRYING TO FIND *009* AND THE OTHERS.

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

HMMM... NO WONDER SHE COULDN'T USE HER TELEPATHIC POWERS.

BLACK GHOST WAS CONTROLLING HER THROUGH ZARTAN'S POWERS.

WHAT?

HELEN WAS UNDER HIS SPELL ONCE AND WE HAD NO WAY OF COMMUNICATING WITH HER!

LET'S GO SOMEWHERE AND HIDE OUT... JUST THE TWO OF US.

HEY *004*! LET'S ESCAPE TOGETHER.

I DON'T WANT TO FACE BLACK GHOST! THEY'RE TOO POWERFUL. EVEN IF WE WERE ALL ABLE TO FACE THEM... IT'S TOO MUCH...

BUT, 004! YOU COULD LEARN. I COULD SHOW YOU!

AND THEREFORE CANNOT LIVE LIKE A HUMAN.

LIKE I SAID, I AM CYBORG...

I CAN'T DO THAT.

. . . . . .

I'M NOT BUILT FOR RUNNING. FOR HIDING. I'M BUILT TO FIGHT! I'M MADE FOR WAR...

. . . . . .

SHOW ME WHAT?! DO YOU SEE THIS?! DOES THIS LOOK HUMAN?

. . . . . .

EVEN IF IT LEADS TO MY DEATH.

I MUST USE THIS CURSE TO FIGHT AGAINST THE ENEMIES OF PEACE.

FOR HUMANS, FOR PEACE... FOR MY BROTHERS.

SO I MUST FIGHT.

OOOH OOOH...

I AM NOT HUMAN.

LET'S GO.

.....

OOH.

I... I'M SORRY, 004.

.....

WE CAN'T BE FAR BEHIND THEM.

You gentle-men look surprised!

...

BWA HA HA HA HA HA

Is that any way to greet your conqueror?

Or is it that my presence has left you speechless?

...once your reconstruction is complete! Hah hah hah!!

I'm sure you'll have plenty to say...

Fine then!

WAH HA HA HA HA.

When I'm done with you, your robot hearts will beat to serve me!

Hah hah hah! You're superior only in your construction!

YOU CAN'T REMODEL US!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

ガチャ CLANK

OFFA ME, YOU...

I will command you!

Prepare the reconstruction room.

Until then, put them into electromagnetic restraints.

I'm sure they'll be along soon enough. Initiate Project Hades!

Don't worry ...

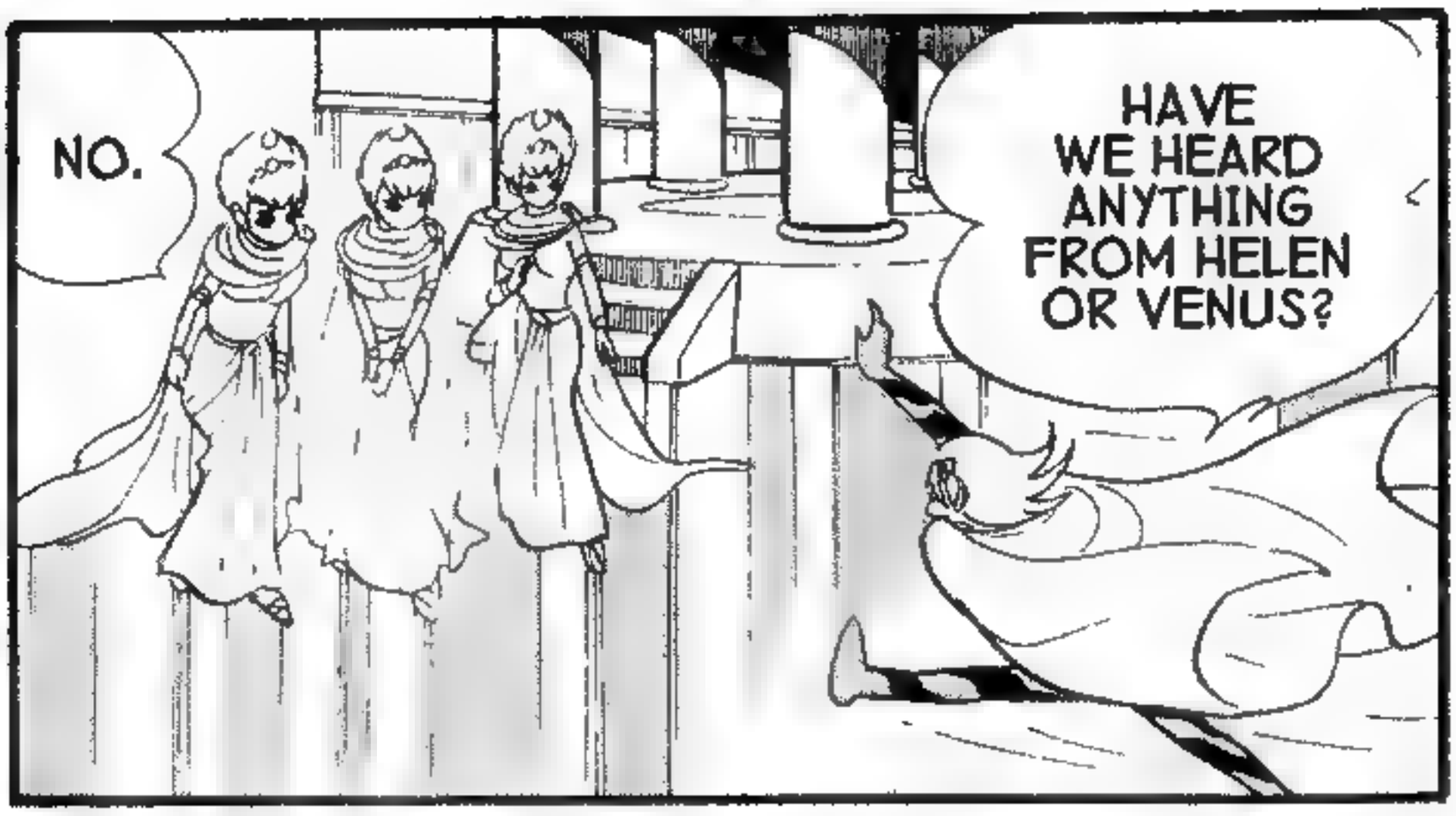
HU HU HU!

CLANK ガチャリ CLANK ガチャリ CLANK ガチャリ

GENERALISSIMO, IT SEEMS THAT THERE ARE STILL SIX OTHER ZERO ZERO CYBORGS ON THE LOOSE.

Do everything in your power to bring them to me in one piece.

YES, MY LORD.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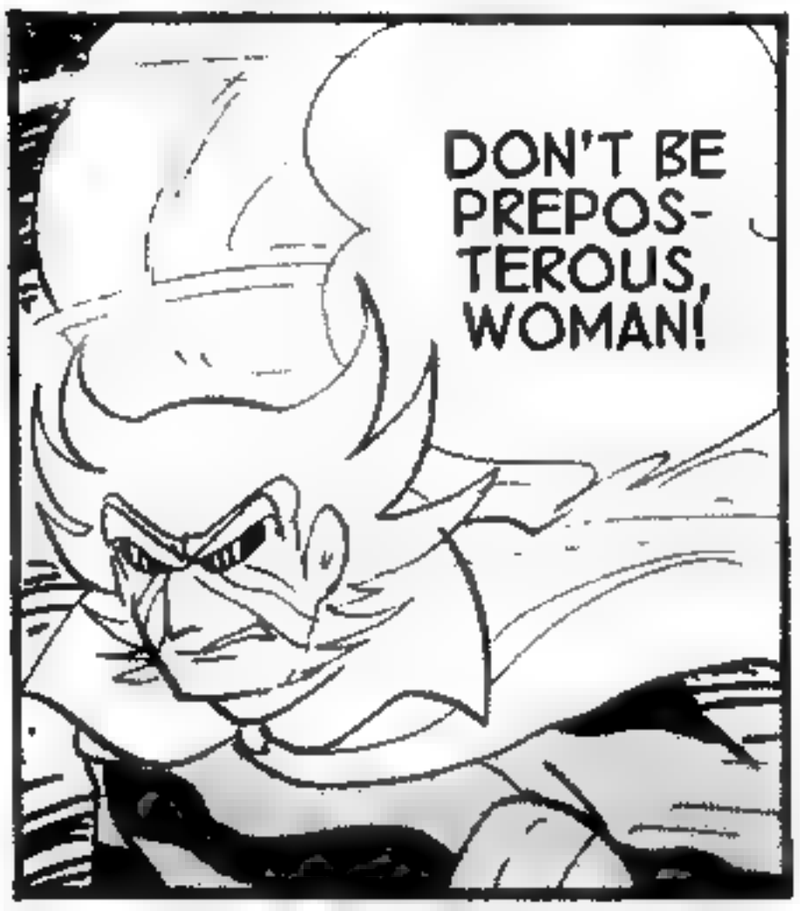
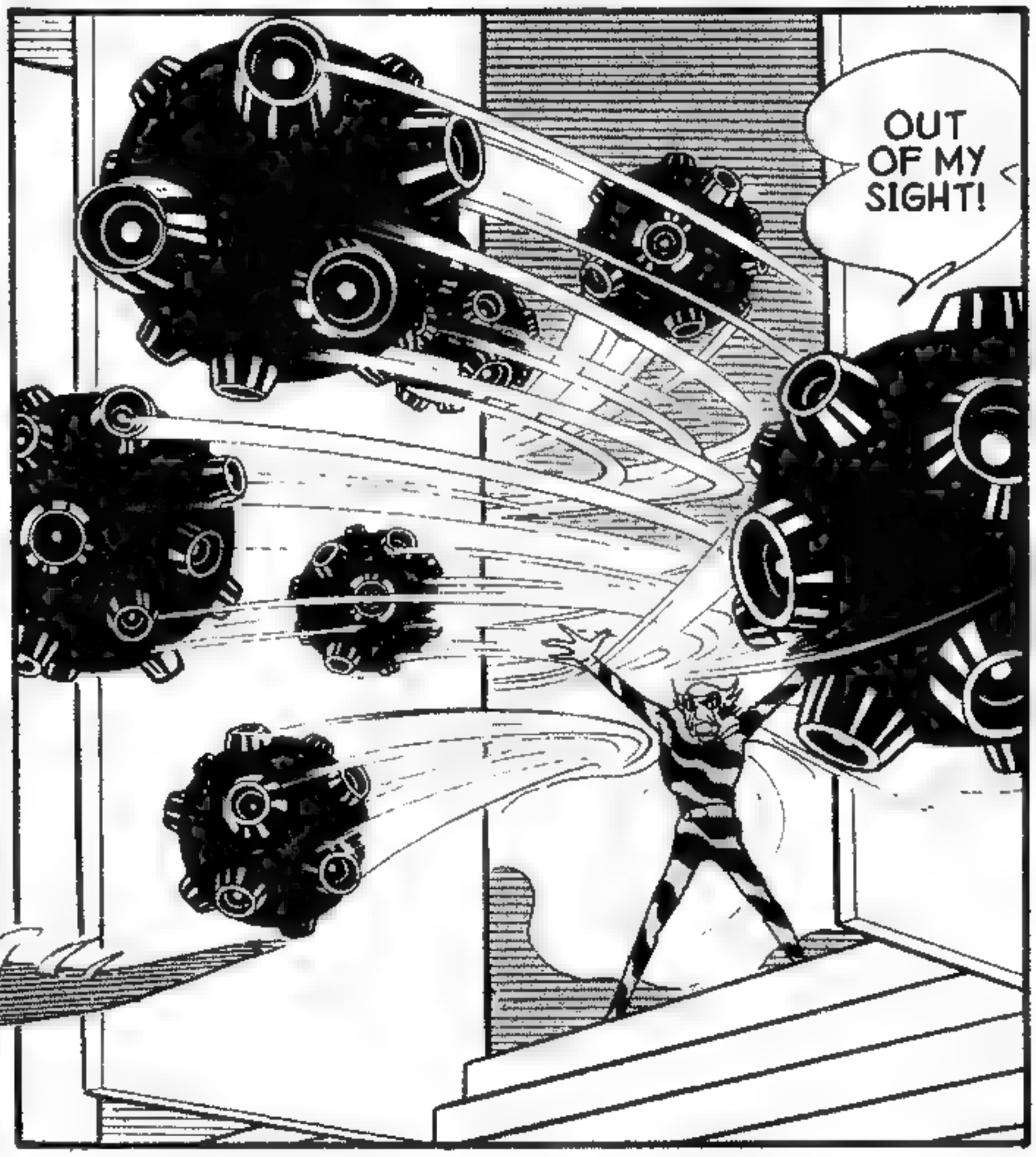
HAVE WE HEARD ANYTHING FROM HELEN OR VENUS?


DON'T BE PREPOS-TEROUS, WOMAN!

PERHAPS THEY'VE BEEN CAP-TURED BY ZARTAN...


OUT OF MY SIGHT!

GEEE

WHAT?!

FWASH

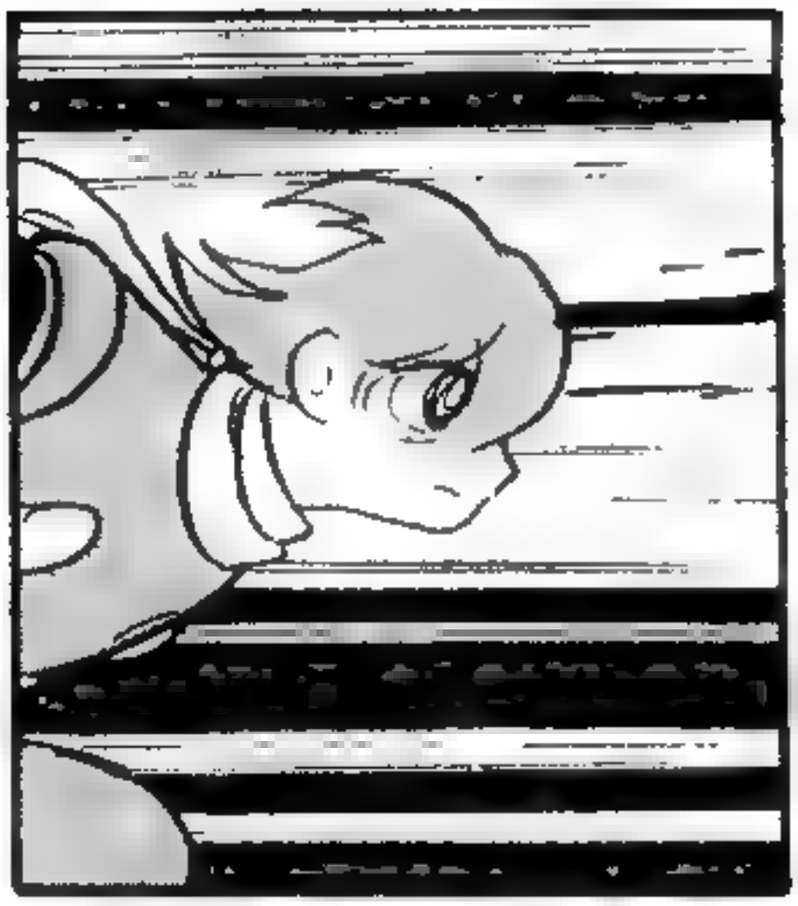
GET DOWN!

FWISH

FWISH

FWISH

CHIK



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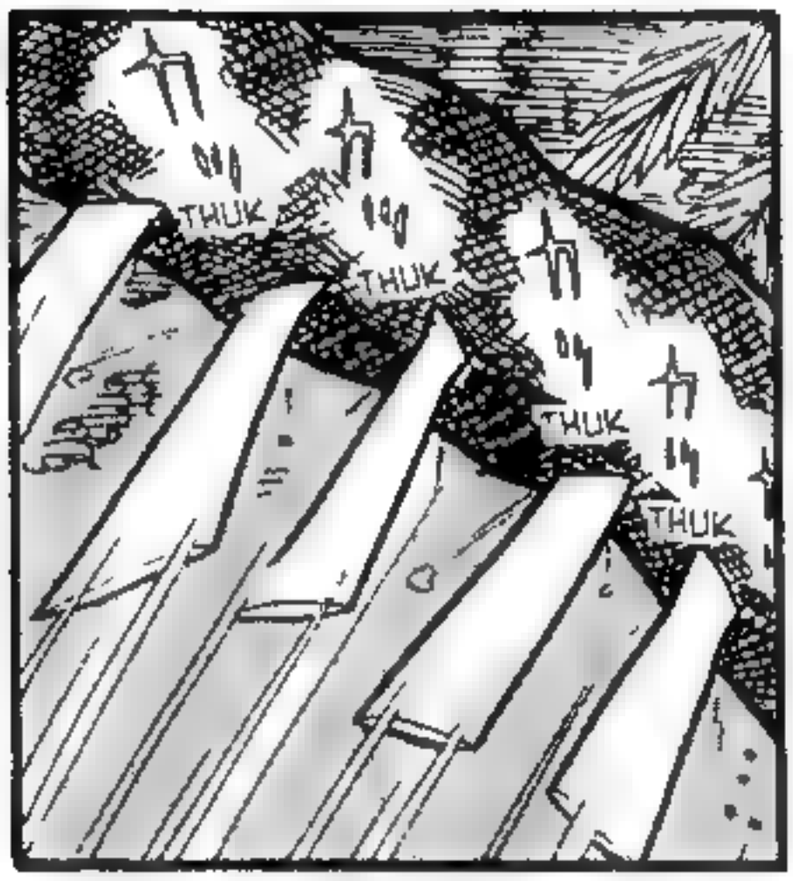
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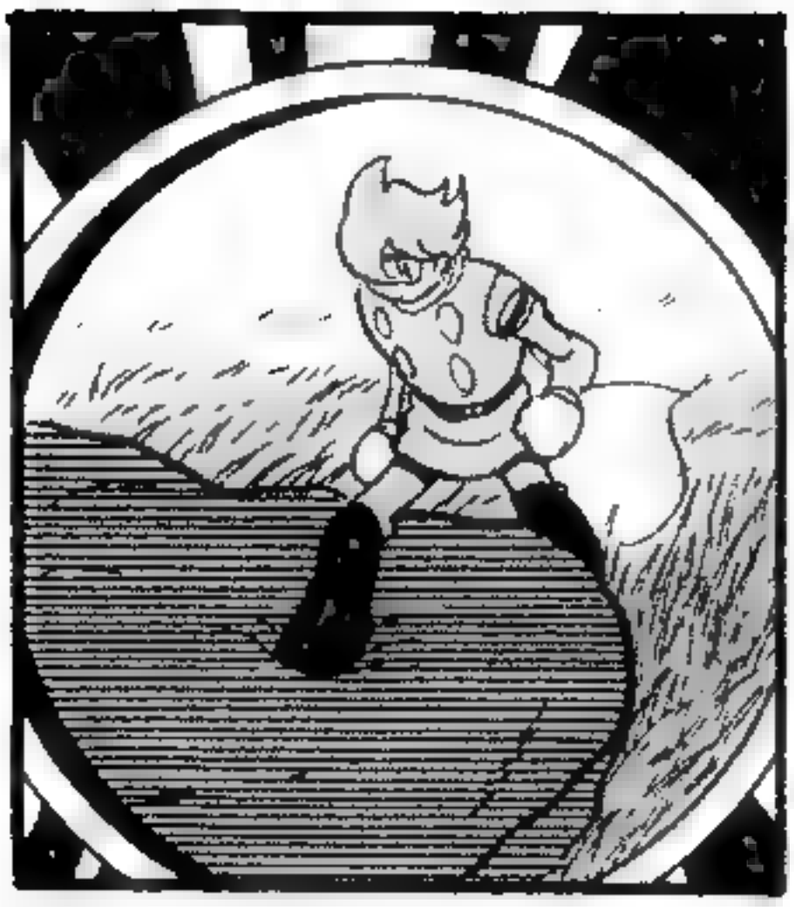

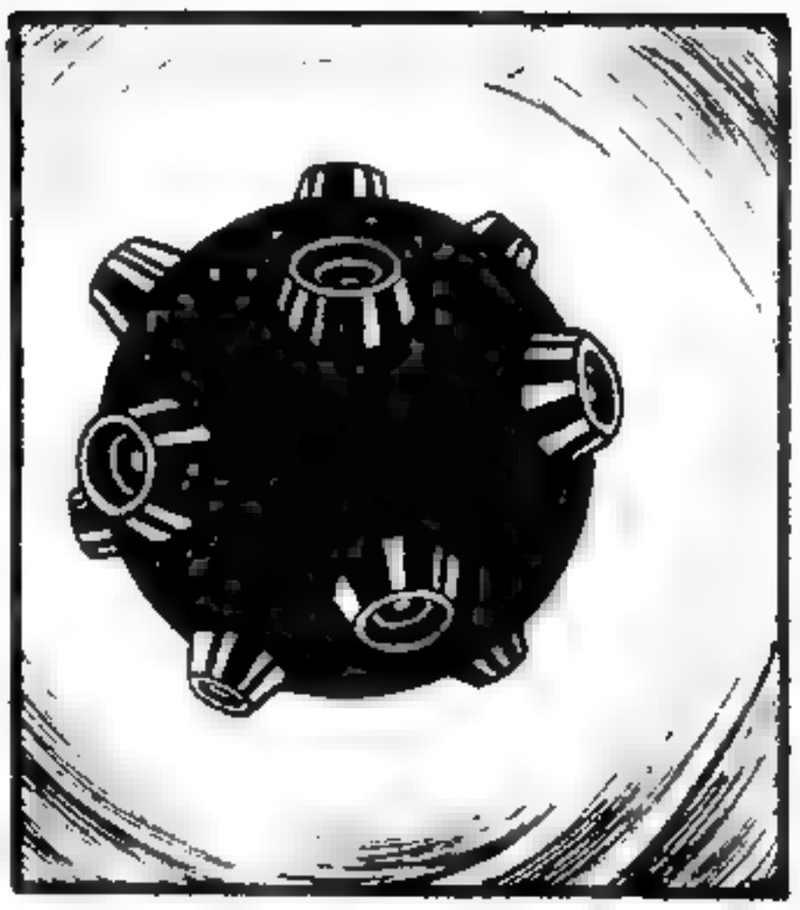

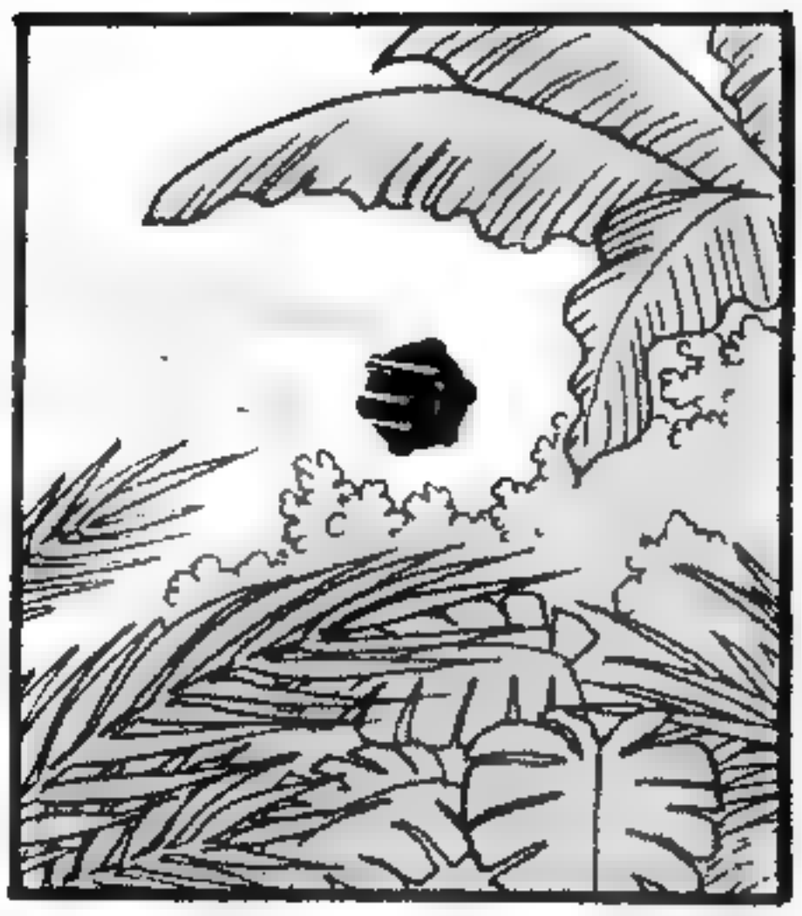

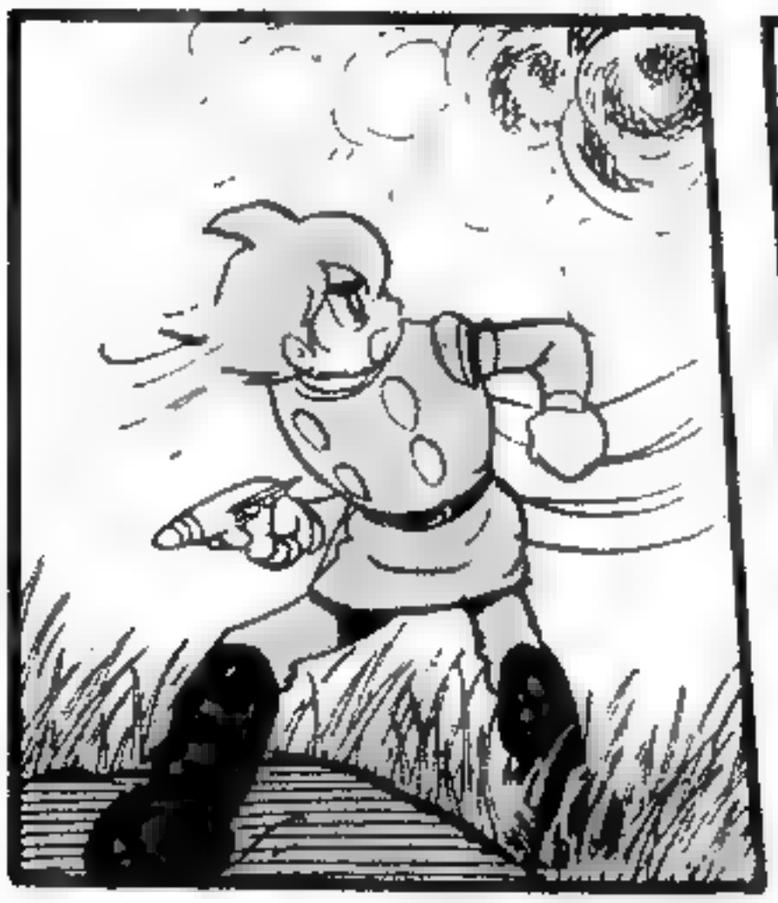

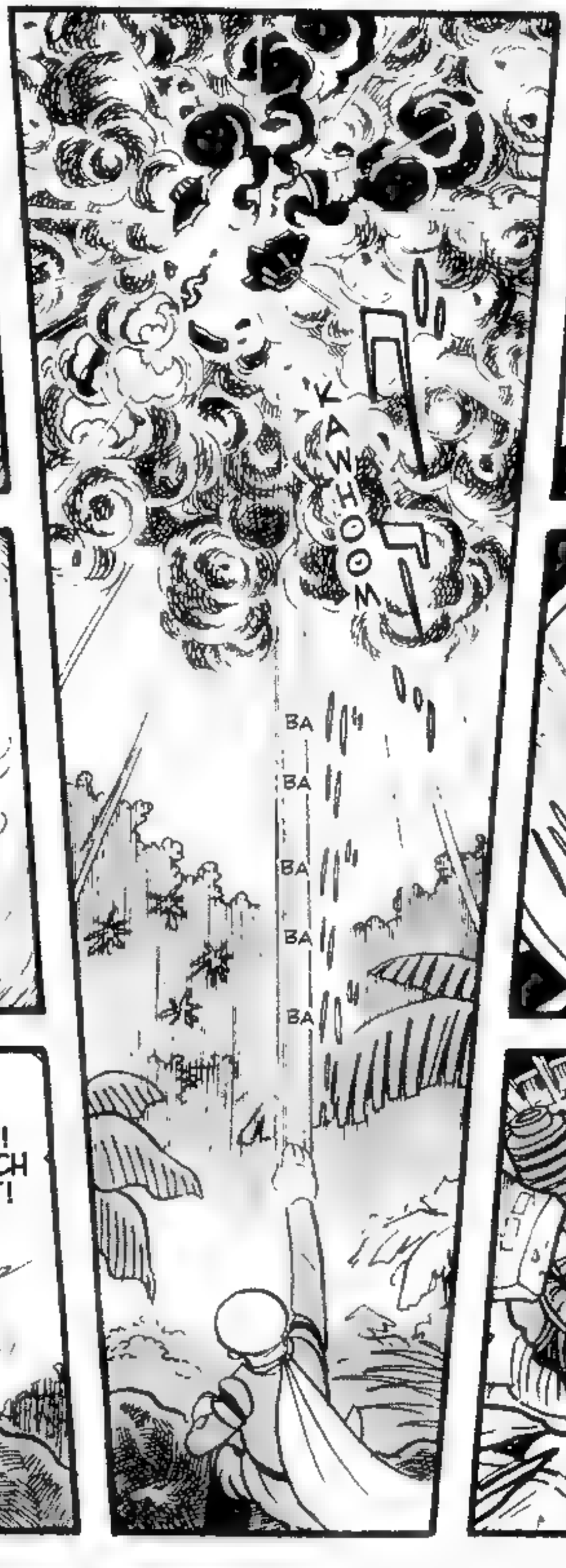
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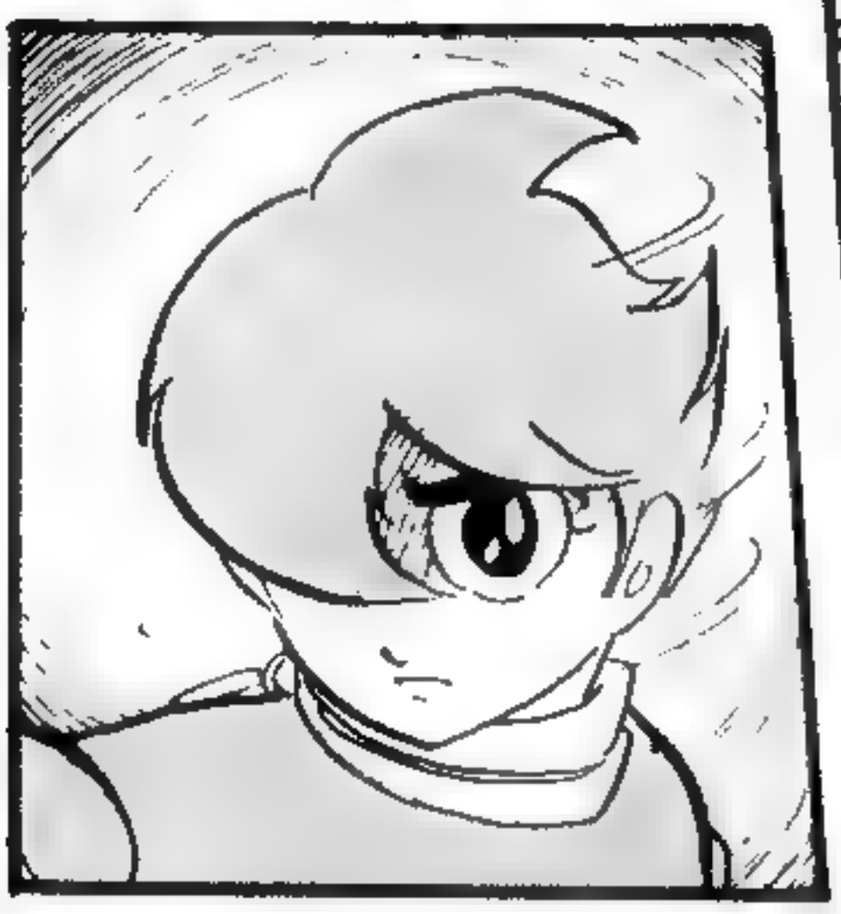
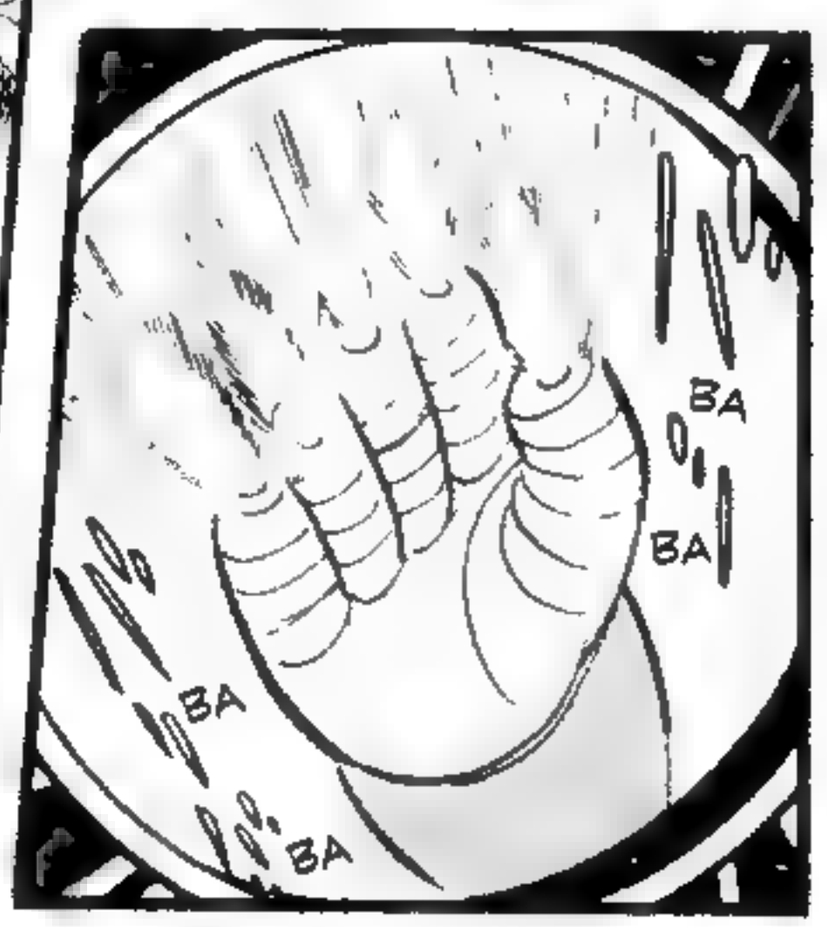

IT'S A BLACK GHOST SPY-EYE!
009! WATCH OUT!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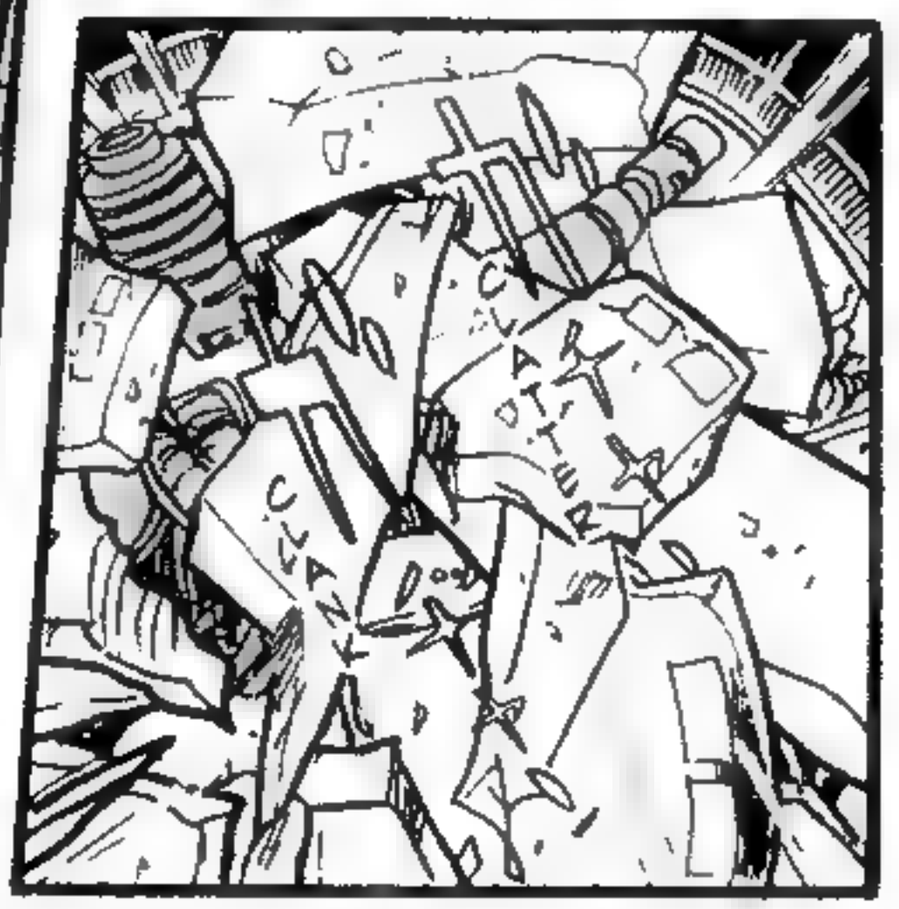
CLANK
CLATTER

I'VE SAVED YOUR LIFE COUNTLESS TIMES!!

COME ON, JOE!

. . . . .

I'M YOUR FRIEND.

AND I'M 004.

STAY DOWN. DON'T LET HIM SEE YOU.

VENUS...

. . . . . .

004!

BZZZT

IF YOU SHOW YOUR FACE, HE'LL SHOOT ME FOR SURE.

CRACKLE

BZZT

WHOOOSH

RUN? WHERE?!

VENUS! RUN!!

WAH?

DASH

AS FAR AWAY AS POSSIBLE!!

FWISH

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

KAWHOOM

BZZZT

DASH

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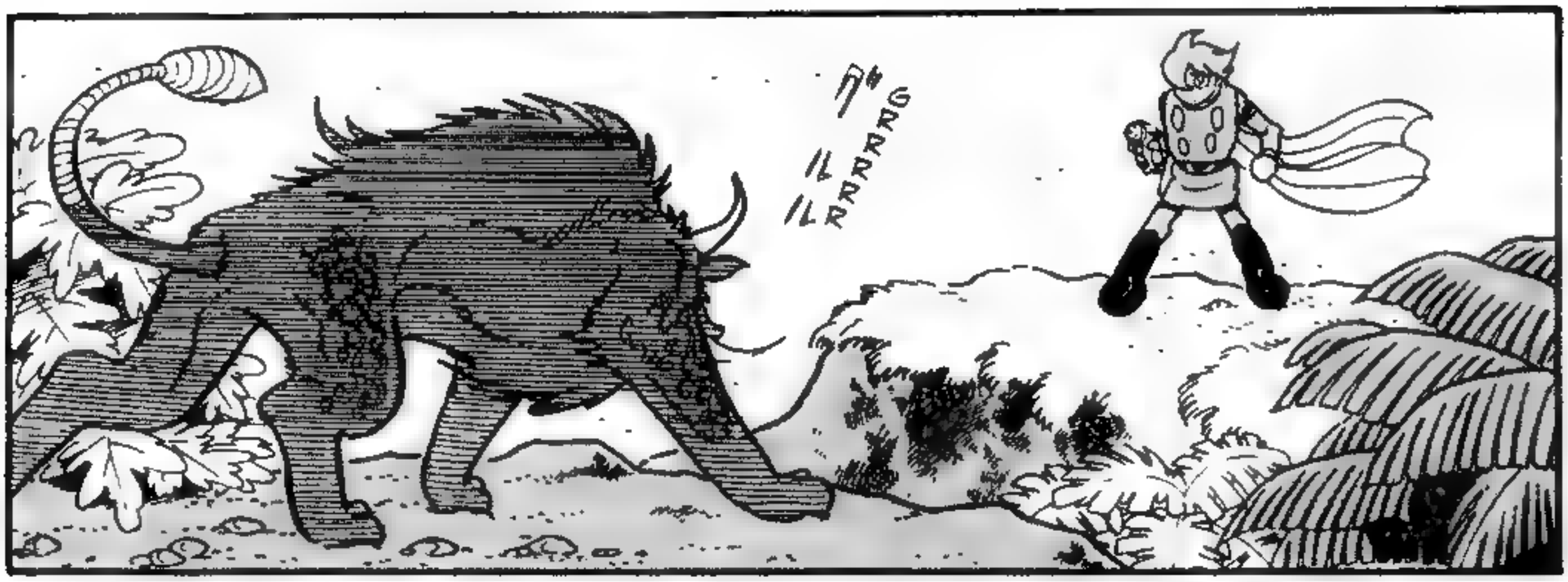
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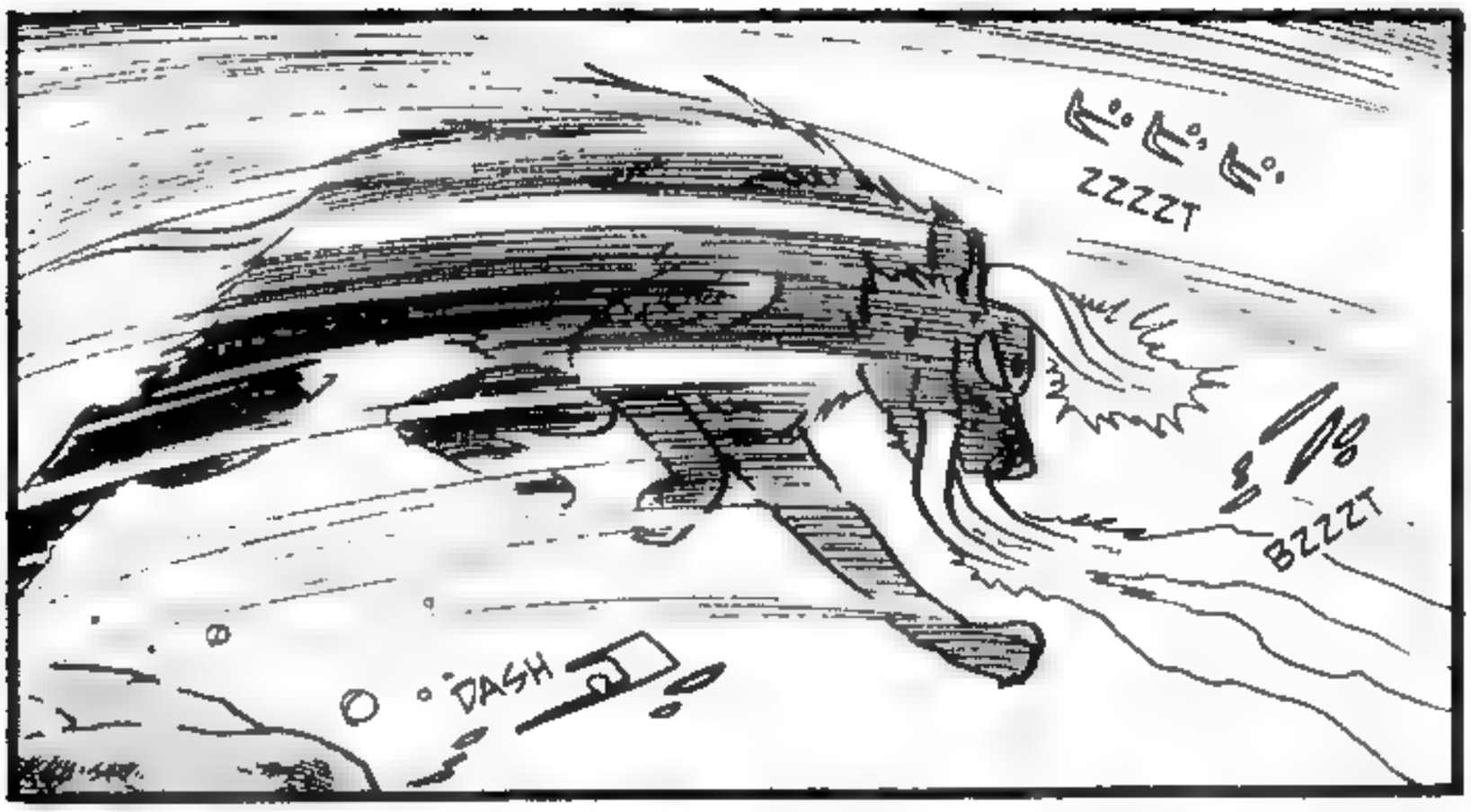
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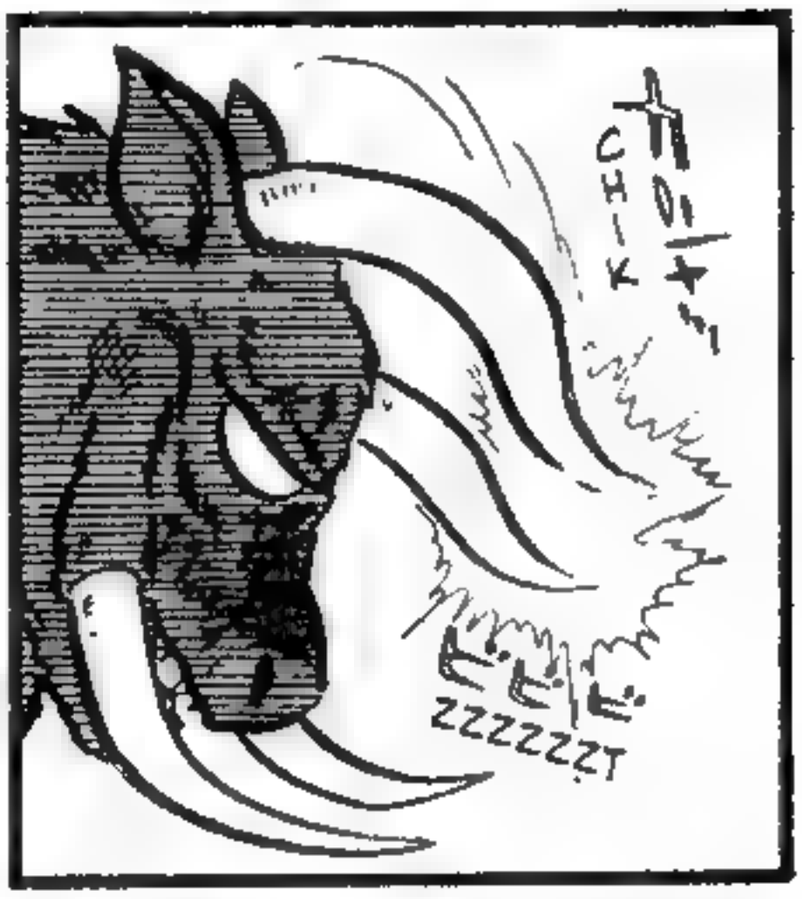
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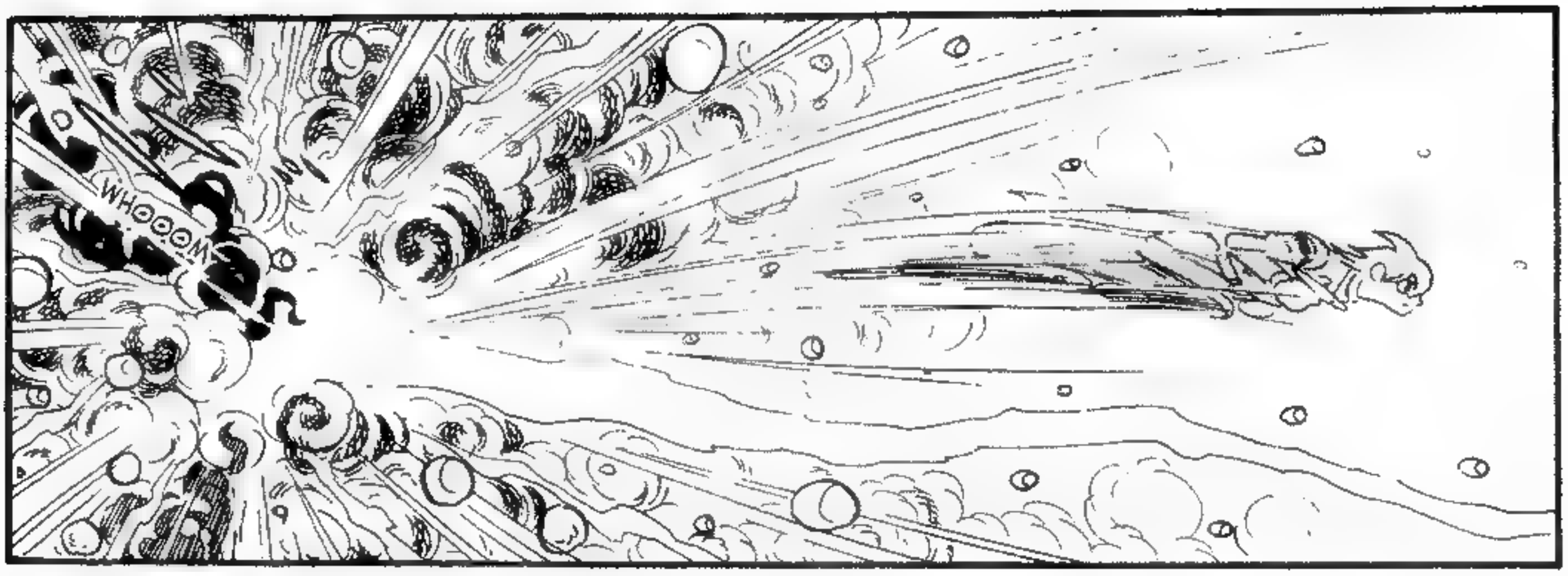
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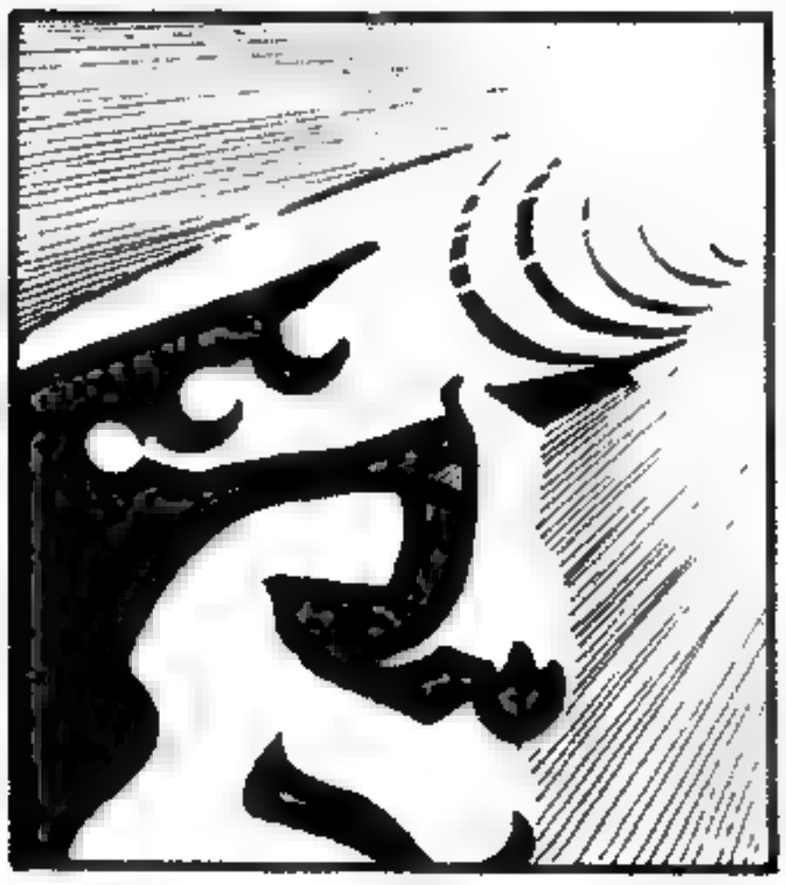

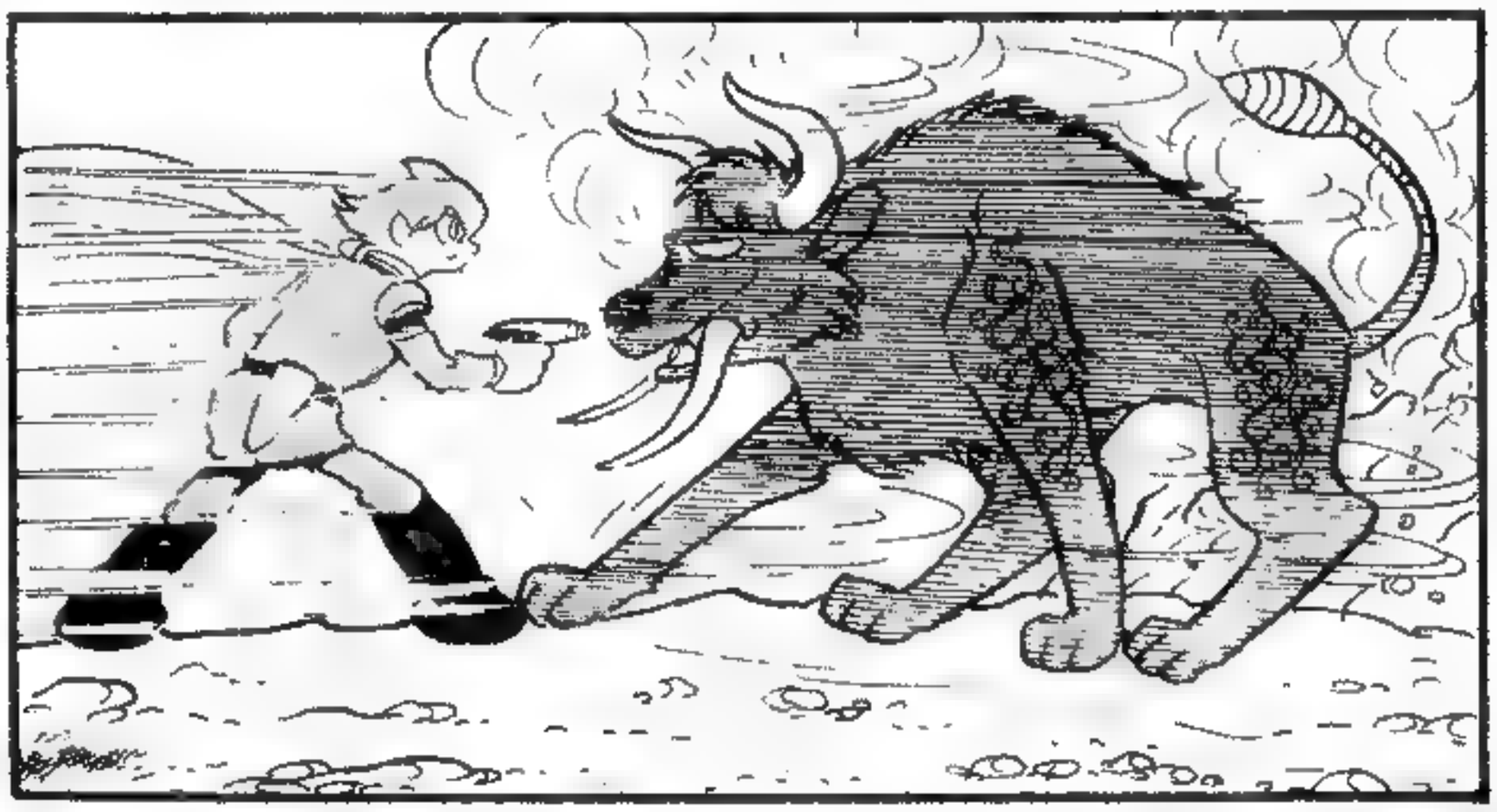

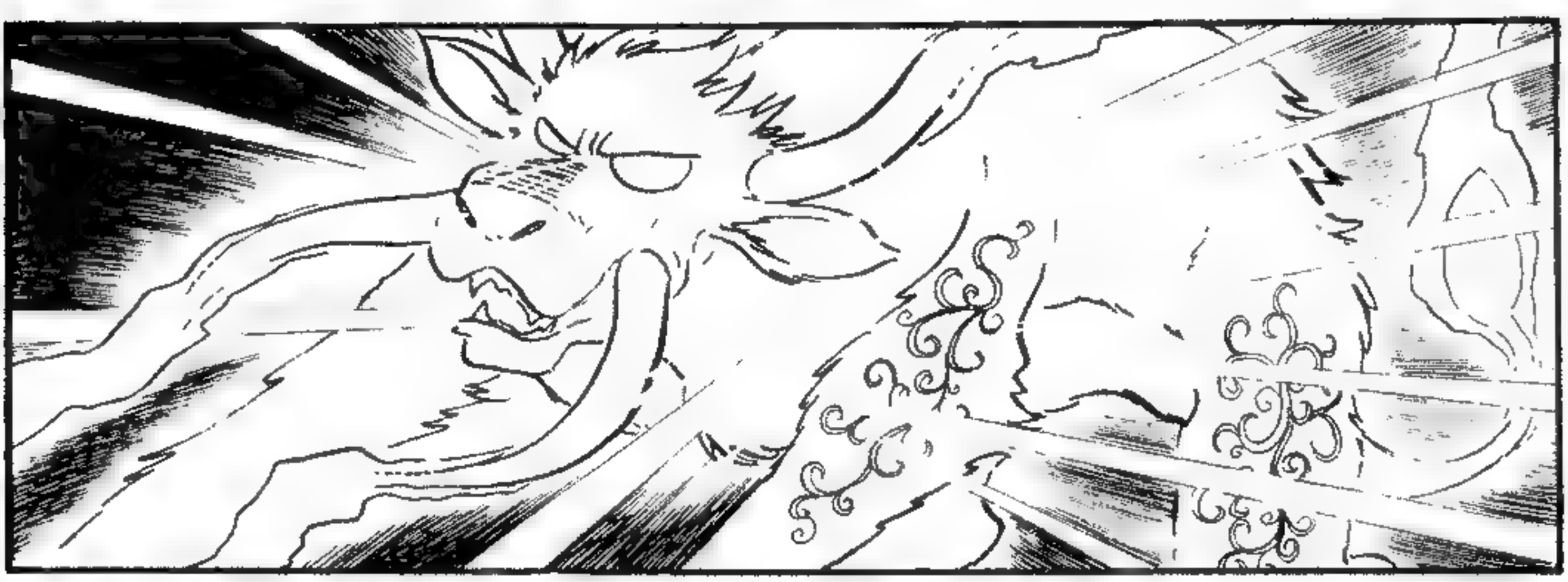

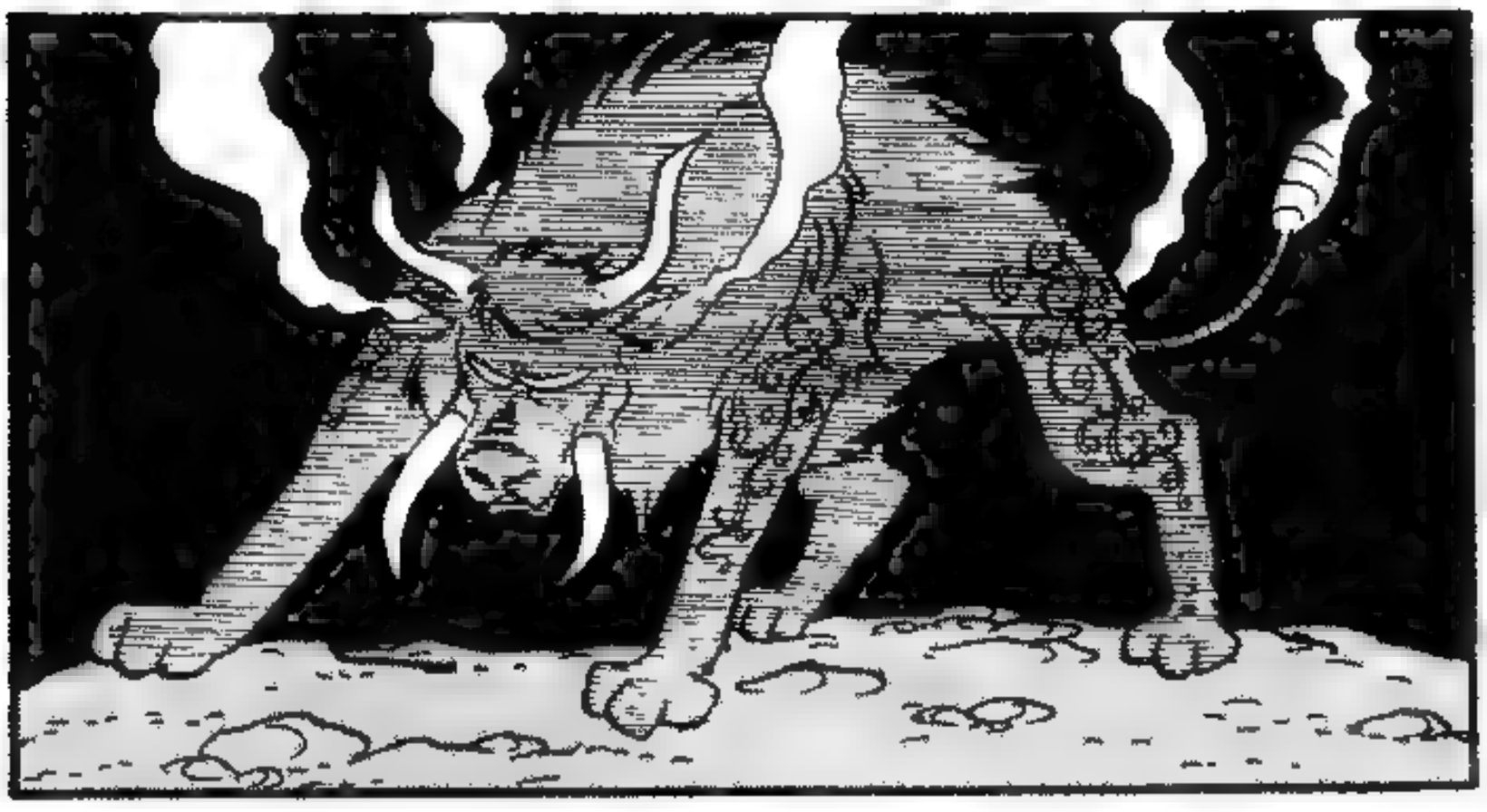

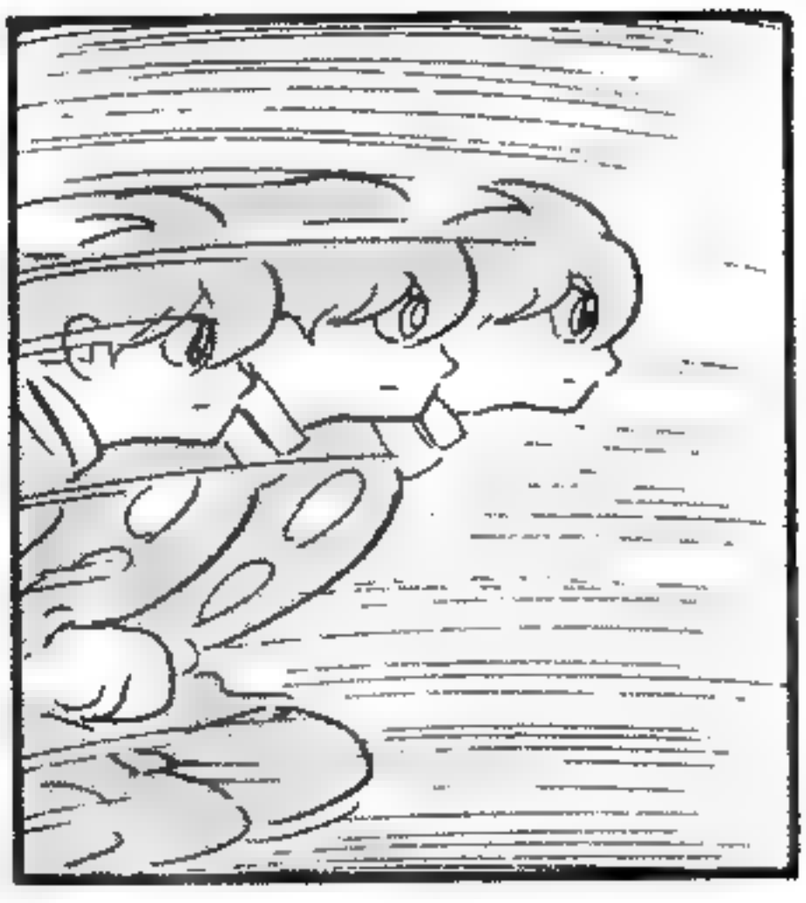

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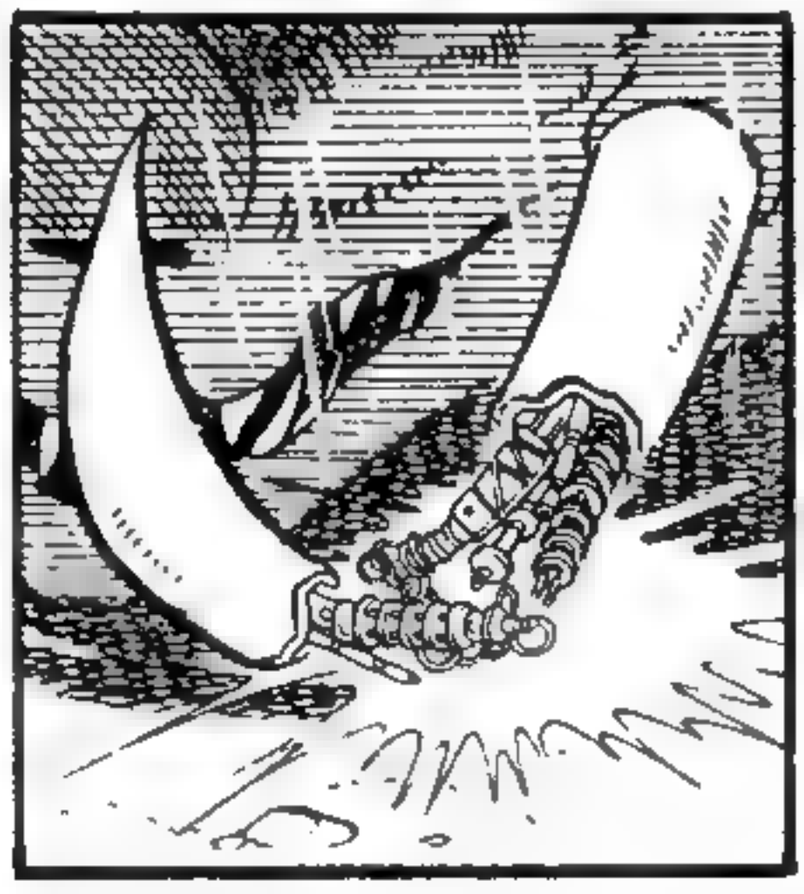
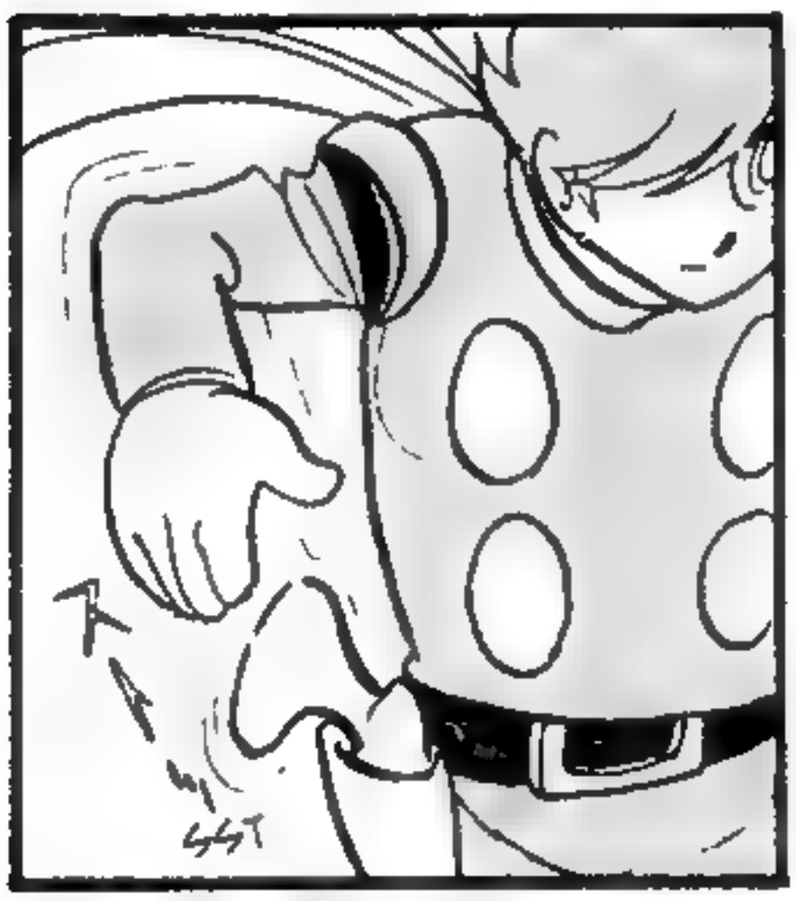
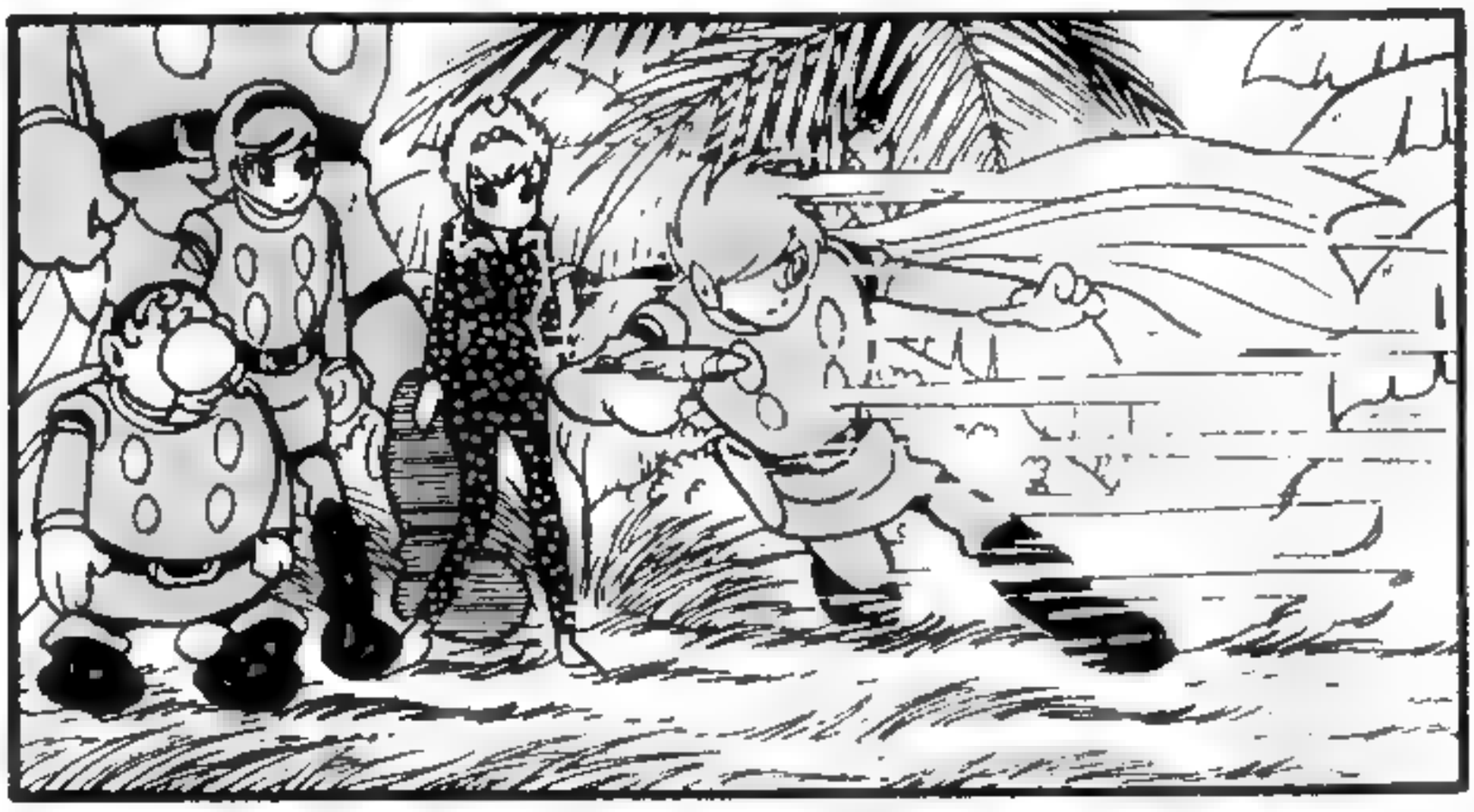
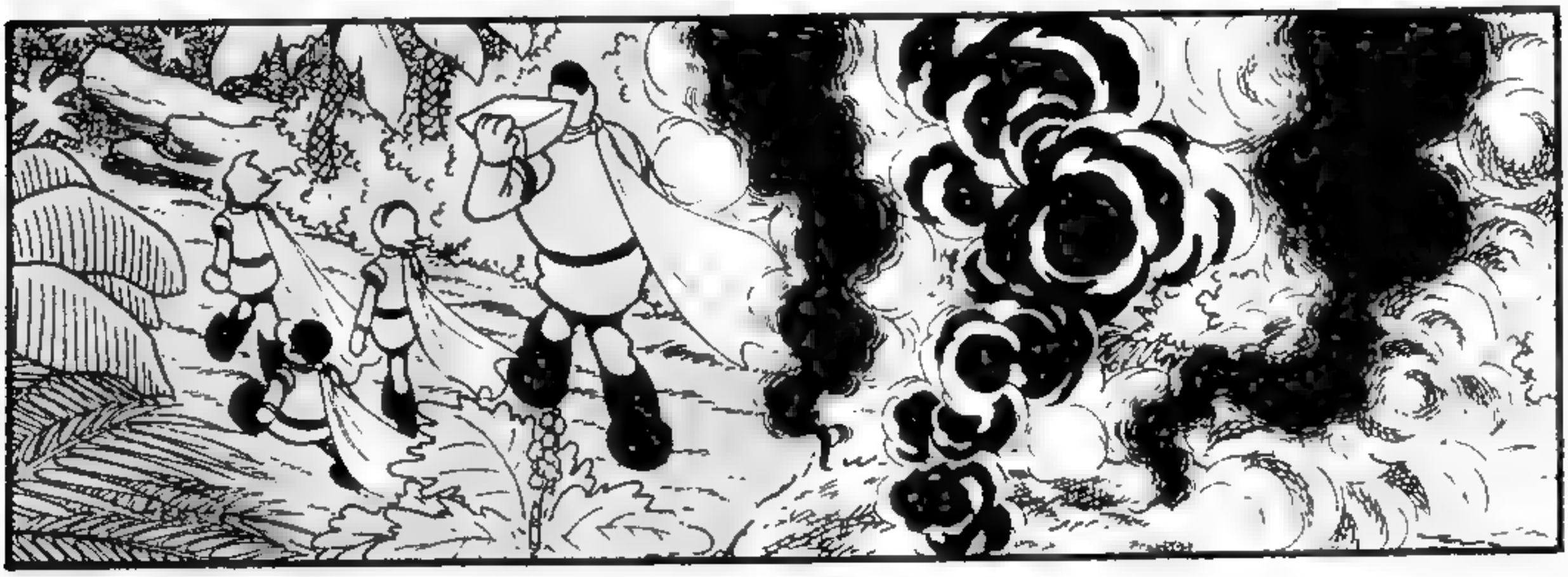








WHY DID WE FLEE? 009 DIDN'T SHOOT YOU.

BUT, 004...

THE SPY-EYE HAS ALREADY REPORTED OUR POSITION!

DID YOU SEE THAT? THAT BEAST WAS SOME KIND OF CYBORG!

HE SHOT THE ENEMY BEHIND YOU. HE KNOWS YOU'RE HIS FRIEND, NO?

I HIGHLY DOUBT IT.

THE ONLY REASON HE DIDN'T SHOOT ME FIRST IS BECAUSE THAT CYBORG MONSTER LOOKED FASTER AND STRONGER.

IT PROBABLY SAVED MY LIFE... THAT IS, WHATEVER PART OF ME IS STILL LIVING!

LET ME TELL YOU, VENUS... 009 HAS CHANGED.

AND I'LL TELL YOU, VENUS, I WON'T STAND FOR THAT!

RIGHT NOW, IT'S EITHER HIM OR US. HIM OR ANY INNOCENT LIFE...

YEAH. HMMM... THE STAKES HAVE DEFINITELY RISEN...

NOW IT SEEMS AS IF HE'D KILL AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE! HE'S DANGEROUS. IN FACT, HE'S DEADLY!

...WAS THE FACT HE CARED TOO MUCH ABOUT THE WELL-BEING OF HIS ENEMY.

IT USED TO BE THAT THE ONLY THING HOLDING HIM BACK...

...OR WE'LL HAVE TO DESTROY HIM.

EITHER WE BREAK HIM OUT OF HIS TRANCE...

THERE'S ONE OF TWO WAYS WE CAN STOP HIM... AND HE MUST BE STOPPED!

MMM.

STAY HERE. DON'T- MOVE.

HMM.

AND THERE ARE SEVEN TARGETS ON THE SHORE.

IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE.

DON'T GO OUT THERE! THE SEA IS INFESTED WITH ROBOTS.

AH!

ATTACK THE CYBORG!

DA DA

HE'S HERE.

FWISH

CHIK

SHUUU

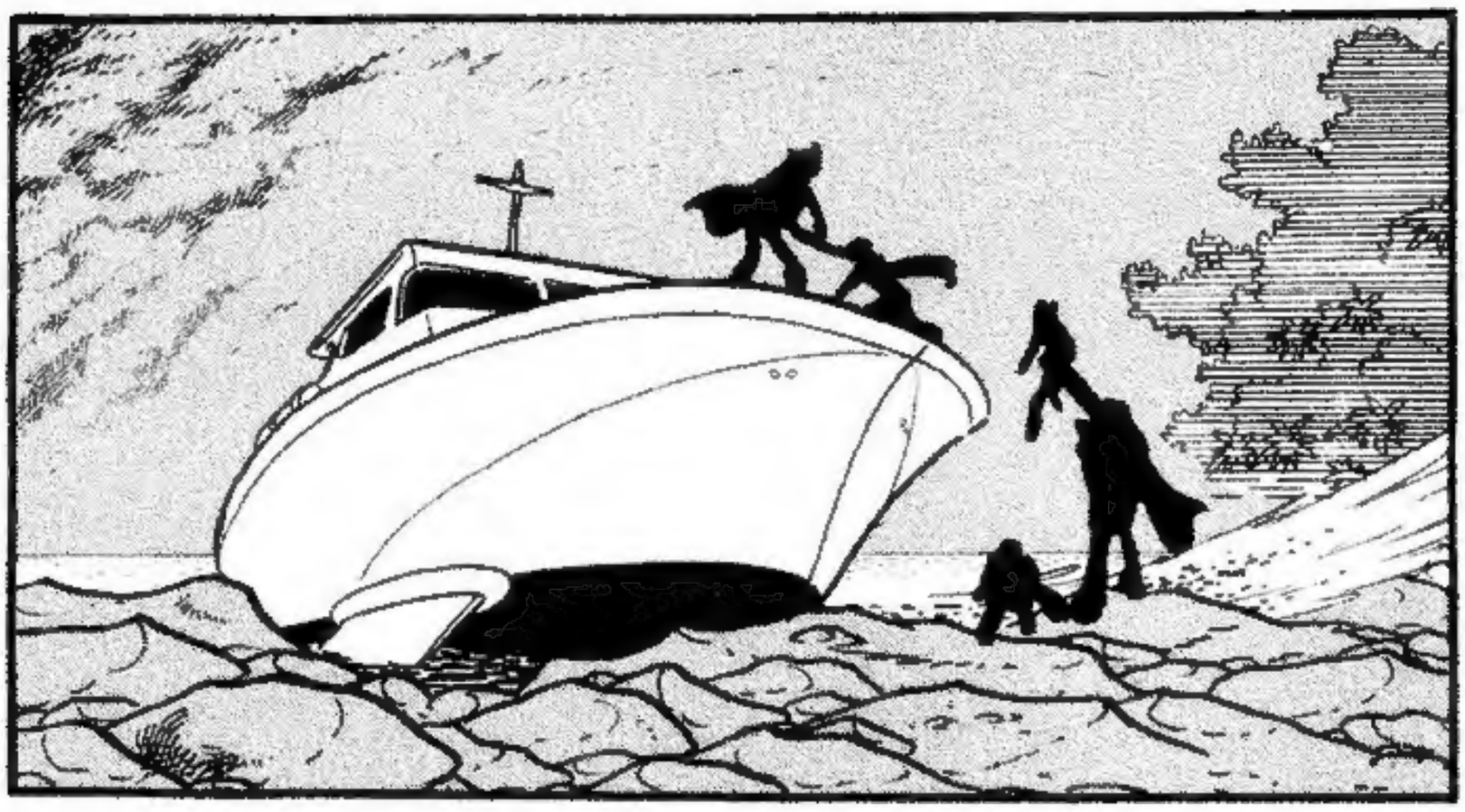
FOOOSH

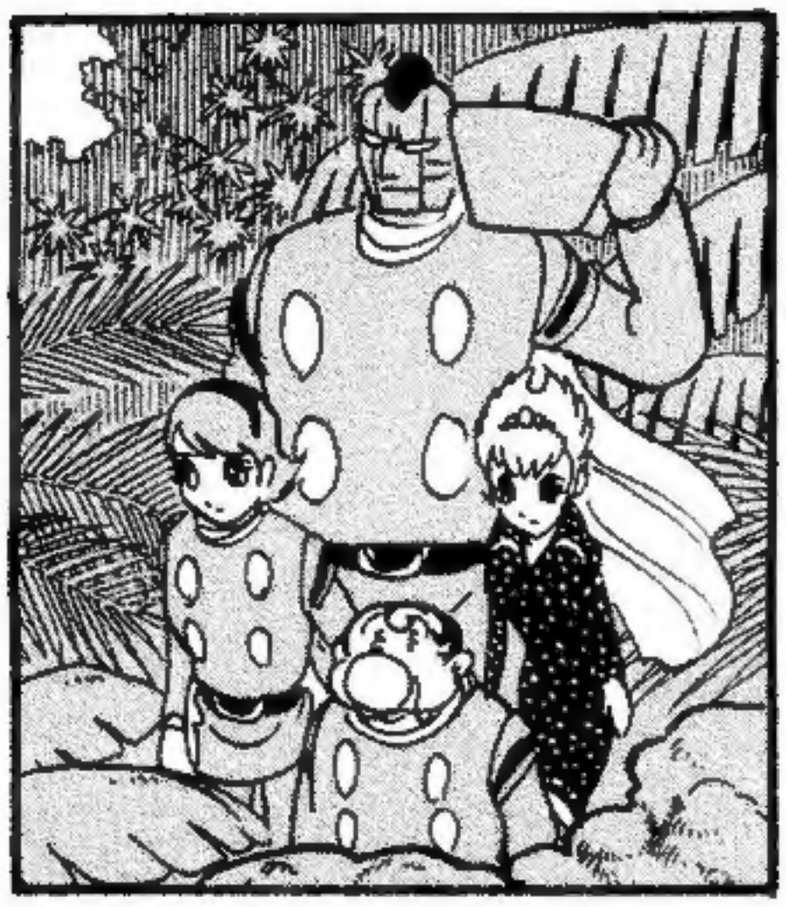
SNIK
SNIK
SNIK
SNIK
BEEP BEEP BEEP
FSSSSSS
FLASH
UHH!
CRUNCHHHH

WHOK

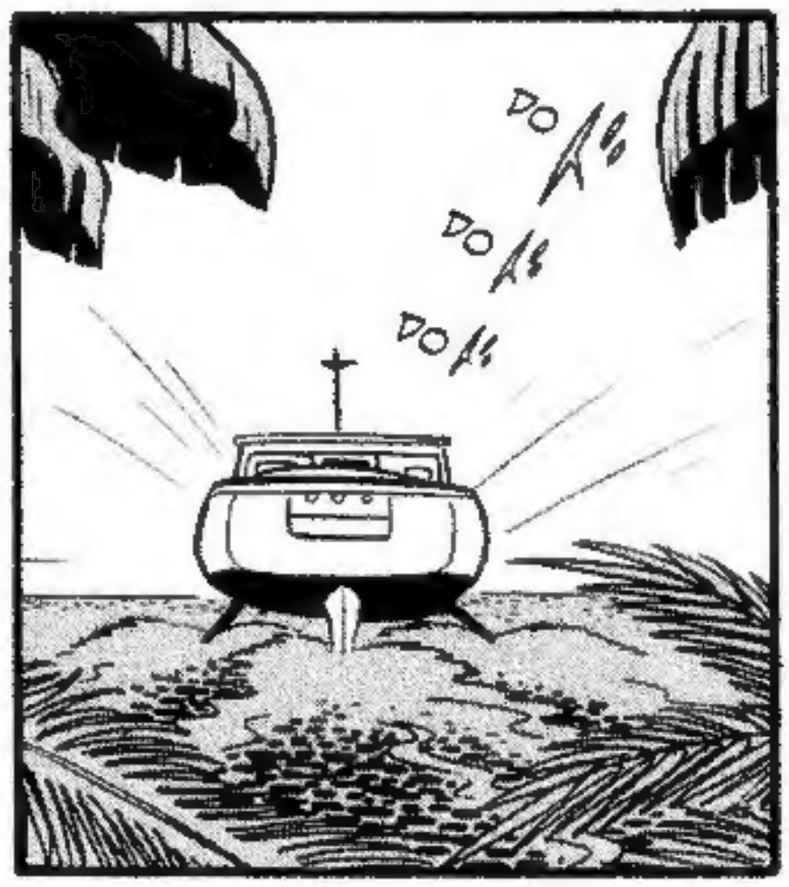
YOU'RE A HUMAN BOMB!

ALL CLEAR. MOVE OUT.





YOU'RE AN OPEN TARGET OUT THERE!
YOU CAN'T GO BY SEA!
HEY, JOE! WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?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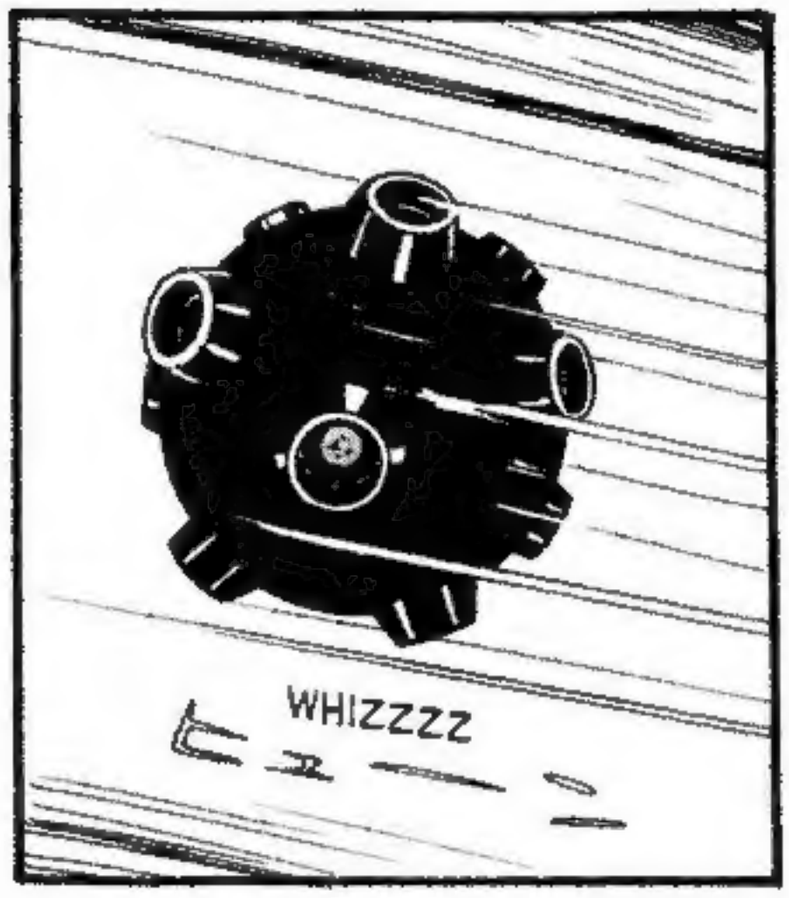
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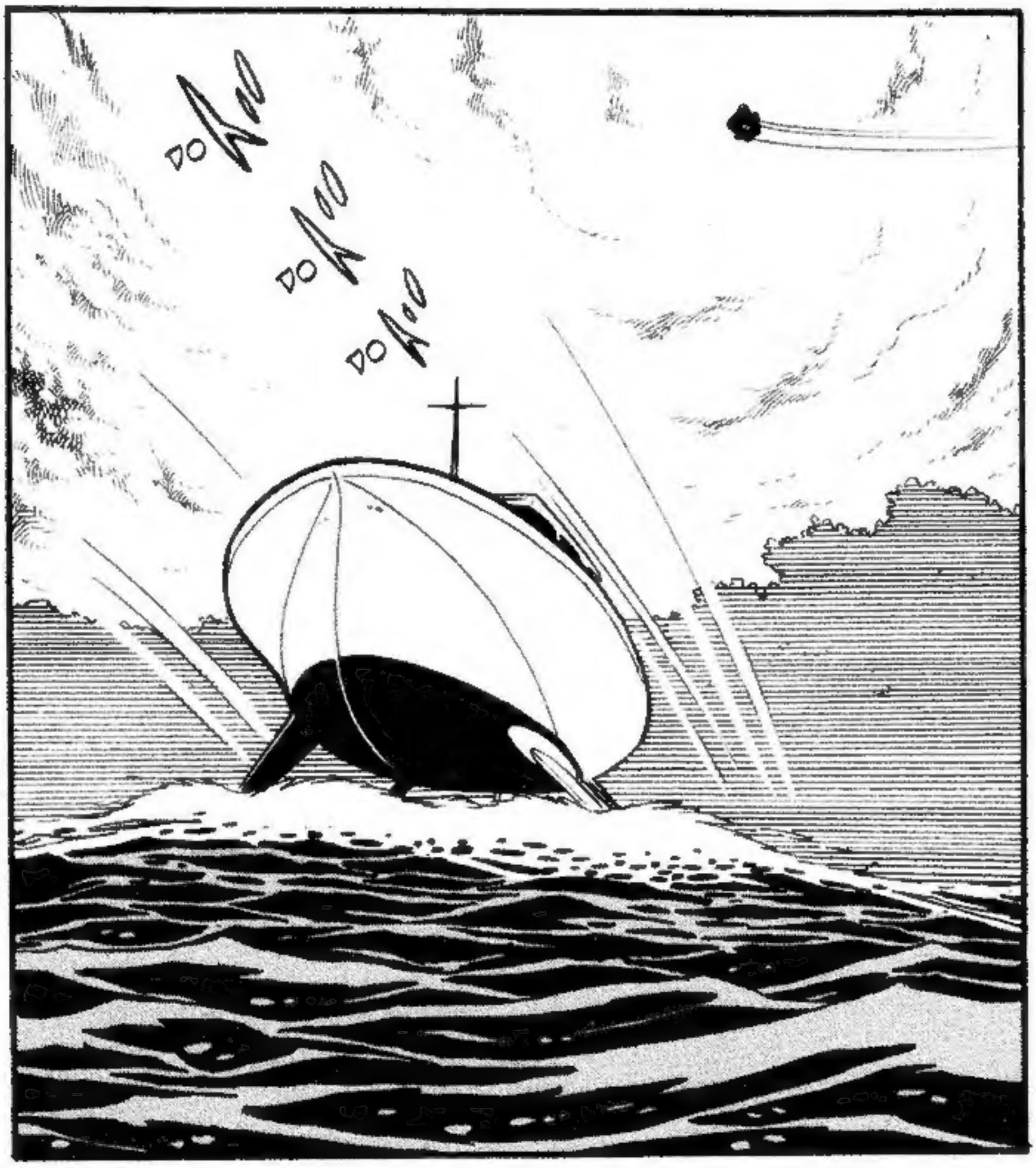
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AND THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW.
THEY'VE ALREADY BEEN SPOTTED.

AH.

004! THEY FOUND US!

WEEEEEN

BA BA BA BA BA BA BA

HUH?

BA BA BA

BA BA BA BA BA BA

TOOSH TOOSH TOOSH

BA BA BA BA BA

AAAH!

SPLOOOSH

HU HU HU! WATCH THEM SQUIRM!

KEE KEE KEE KEE KEE

WHAT NOW?

The re-construc-tion room is ready, Mr. Bogart.

TAKE THE PRISONERS DOWN THERE AND RELEASE THEM FROM THEIR RESTRAINTS.

LET THEIR RECON-STRUC-TION BEGIN!!

CONTINUED IN VOLUME 10